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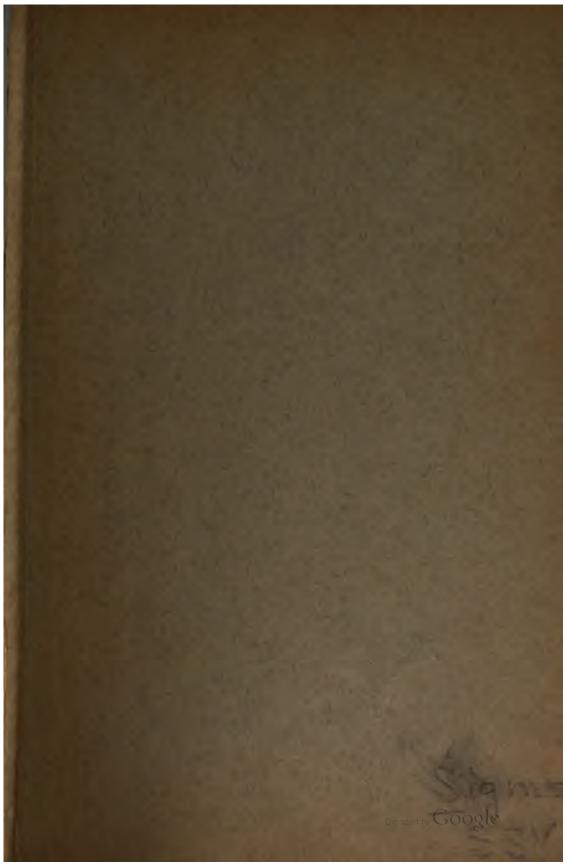
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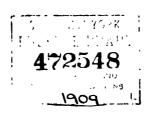
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WHAT IS YOUR SPECIALTY?

"This is an age of specialists" has become none the less true be-The man with many irons in the fire is a trifler in the competition with single purpose, intensity of zeal, and indomitable determination. In the industrial world the increase of labor-saving machinery has driven thousands of men and women into a specialized occupation which, while illustrating the trend of things in general, seems a narrowing and dwarfing sphere for the development and Doubtless, the aggregate production satisfaction of human beings. and wealth are enhanced by the employes who preside over the monotonous instrument that fashions pin-heads or type or nails. But, on the other hand, these cramped and often belittling conditions become the cauldrons of social discontent, unhappiness and rebellion; for, while newspapers, magazines, schools, churches and the influences of republican institutions are widening the mental horizon, stimulating desire, increasing demands, the ordinary occupations of life afford no outlet, no gratification, no opportunity for enlarged usefulness. is the reason for the demand for shorter hours of labor; here is the warning for the adjustments of social conditions. Without them, an explosion sooner or later is inevitable. In the professions the same law of specialty and concentration obtains, without, possibly, the attending evils of a transition period. In medicine, the old-fashioned practitioner who healed all diseases and carried a small drug store of balm and blister, is giving way to the surgeon, the oculist, the aurist. In law, the criminal and corporation attorney seldom cross each other's path. In the church it has become a common saying that the great preacher is rarely a good pastor. Success, then, is dependent upon concentrated energy and thought. And the efficiency and rewards in the industrial, commercial, professional and artistic worlds declare the necessity of definiteness of purpose. The architect who builds without plans and specifications need not be surprised when his grotesque structure falls to the ground. The man who wanders

aimlessly and listlessly over the earth may be a good tramp but a poor traveler. The student who devours all things and digests nothing, who dabbles in everything without purpose or power, succeeds only in leaning upon others in the arena of life and sinks when his support fails. "Luck" and "chance" are idlers' excuses and lazy men's consolations. No house has ever been erected by chance—even in fairy tales. Great poems are not shaken together in a hatful of children's alphabet blocks. Manhood is not formed by blue blood, pedigree, environment and aimless "waiting for something to turn up."

Singleness of aim is of vital importance. The day of the versatile genius is past, if it ever existed. The musical prodigy of the show who plays a dozen different instruments and several at the same time astonishes by versatility. He is a Jack-of-all-tunes and master of none; a trickster, not a musician. "He who follows two hares is sure to catch neither." A New York sportsman sent twenty-five cents in answer to an advertisement for a sure receipt to keep a gun from scattering. He received the laconic reply: "Dear Sir:—To keep a gun from scattering put in a single shot." Balzac said: "Genius is intensity." Intense interest and enthusiasm for one thing make up in depth and power what is lacking in breadth. A broad culture is sometimes synonymous with superficiality. The broad river may become a widespread bayou or morass. "I have not the Chancellor's encyclopedic mind," wrote Lord Macauley. "He is indeed a kind of semi-Solomon. He half knows everything from the cedar to the hyssop."

How terrible is the reputation of the man of one book! One supreme object absorbing the whole energy of a man may sometimes produce the fanatic; but fanaticism is better than cynicism or indifference. Dilettanteism is another name for total depravity in the stern business of this world. To become blasé is a fashionable way of conveying the idea that the delicacy and enthusiasm and high ideals of manhood and womanhood have become extinct. Devotion to one high absorbing thought and plan retains the sweetness in life and strength in character. "Cut an inch deeper," said the dying soldier of the old guard to the surgeon probing for the ball. "Cut an inch deeper and you will find the Emperor." Vacillation and multiplicity of pursuits undermines and destroys character. Clear and single aim makes its impress upon the innermost recesses of the heart.

The scriptures say "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways." And Christ goes farther than the assertion of mere instability. He declares the flat failure of double-mindedness. "No man can serve two masters." "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." In the Royal

Cemetery in Vienna, carved on the tomb of Joseph II. of Austria, are these doleful, accusing words: "Here lies a monarch who with the best of intentions never carried out a single plan."

It was the one great dream of Columbus that brought him after many weary days in sight of the land that was new; one magnificent idea that haunted Cyrus Field till continent was linked with continent; one foolish thought that made Palissy sacrifice home and comfort and reputation to the discovery of the secret of pottery and enamel; one dream of a madman that turned William Cary from a cobbler's bench in Scotland to the throne of scholarship, reformation and Christian consecration and zeal in darkened India. Lord Macauley writes that "one summer day the boy Warren Hastings, then just seven years old, lay on the bank of the rivulet which flows through the old domain of his house to join the Isis. There, as three score and ten years later he told the tale, rose in his mind a scheme, which, through all the turns of his eventful career, was never abandoned. He would recover the estate which belonged to his fathers. He would be Hastings of Daylesford. This purpose formed in infancy and poverty grew stronger as his intellect expanded and as his fortunes rose. He pursued his plan with that calm but indomitable force of will which was the most striking peculiarity of his character. When under a tropical sun he ruled fifty millions of Asiatics his hopes amidst all the cares of wars, finance and legislation still pointed to Daylesford. And when his long public life so singularly checked with good and evil, with glory and obloquy, had at length closed forever, it was to Daylesford that he retired to die."

Through the life of Jesus runs like a plaintive, heartbreaking minor chord the declared purpose of his mission. "I must needs suffer." "The time is not yet come." "Now must I go to Jerusalem to suffer." And when with dying breath he said, "It is finished," the one thing for which he came in the flesh and suffered under the law, tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, was accomplished. From cradle to grave he lived with the shadow of the Cross upon him. Next to this divine hero the Apostle Paul commands the admiration and love of all Singleness of purpose was the secret of his power and glory. "This one thing I do." What one thing? "I shall forget," he says, "the things that are behind-my pedigree, my honors as a lew, yea, even my sinfulness in persecuting the followers of Jesus of Nazareth in my ignorant zeal; and I shall reach forth unto the things that are be-I shall press toward the prize of my high calling of God in Christ Jesus." To come unto the stature of the fullness of Christ; to be like his Master; to be a good witness of the things which he had seen and

which God had revealed, wherever he would be permitted to go, was the keynote of his untiring energy, his dauntless courage, his mental and spiritual attainments. The Envoy Extraordinary of the Almighty Father, he conducted himself as fully conscious of his divine privilege and dignity. Why, he thought, should a Son of God fritter away a noble opportunity, and turn aside to selfish, petty occupations? Through sufferings untold, in persecutions, in desertions by friends, in strange lands, on sea or land, in dungeon darkness or palace halls, in pleasures, in sorrows, in the presence of the martyrdom meted out by the royal fiend Nero, "this one thing I do" inspired, strengthened, cheered, and finally rewarded with the crown of life this grand apostle of the single aim.

It is true that virtue is not always rewarded in this world. worth is too often "born to blush unseen." In bitterness often the conclusion of the whole matter seems to be, "Wrong forever on the throne." Nevertheless, as a rule, the difference between the successful and the unsuccessful man is the difference of application and determina-The cultivation and the exercise of the will in executing the high decrees of cultured intellect and pure heart is as important as steam for the piston or electricity for the motor. There have been thousands of men the peer of Grant in natural ability, and as many superior, whose whole careers have been redolent of failure and disappointment because, unlike him, they knew not the determination that could "fight it out on this line if it takes all summer." Lincoln would have continued his rail-splitting the rest of his natural lifetime if he had not understood the magic wand he wielded in "pegging away." Hannibal and Napoleon would have sunk into the oblivion of uncommonly common mortals, in spite of their dreams of Italy beyond the Alps, had they not proved that when there was no way they could make one. Ingram, the publisher of the London News, who lost his life in Lake Michigan, walked ten miles when beginning his career with a newspaper to a customer rather than disappoint him. Once he rose at 2 o'clock and walked from Nottingham to London to get his papers when there was no post. He, like Edison, who could find a laboratory in a baggage-car, was bound to succeed. There is no record of luck here. Chance seems to be eliminated from the biography of the world's heroes and saints.

> "The heights by great men reached and kept Were not attained by sudden flight; But they, while their companions slept, Were toiling upward thro' the dark."

The aim and determination should be worthy of intelligent creatures. He who is made in the image of God should not have the employments and diversions of the brutes. A man may have one idea; but that may be wrong. His adherence to it, therefore, will be pernicious in proportion to his tenacity and zeal. Physical development is a demand of our Natural laws of health and hygiene are as much the laws of God as the laws written upon the tables of stone. But the prize-fighter, the professional gymnast and sport is not only a monstrosity but a degradation. The sensualist is lower than the brutes. The professional seeker after pleasure is a travesty on the butterfly. Aeropus, the King of Macedonia, made lanterns; and it is said the more lanterns he made the worse king he became. Not because lantern making is trivial, but for a king whose business was the ruling of a great people it was idle and degrading. Had Louis XVI. devoted himself more to state affairs and less to his forge and lock-making he might have had no occasion to produce the lock that held his prison door or to suggest the shape for the guillotine's blade which cut short his ill-directed life.

The specialty, the one-controlling ideal of our lives will determine our characters and our destinies for time and eternity. The one thing above all others to seek after, the one thing in which we may all be specialists, is Paul's high calling of God in Jesus Christ; the development of body, soul and spirit-intellect, feelings and will-according to the pattern of the life of Jesus. All may be sons of God; all may be inspired and strengthened and upheld by this calling which the Apostle rightly terms high. Our natures demand this specializing of thought and effort. As the flowers turn their faces toward the light, so our very constitutions and endowments turn us toward God. As the wing is an indication of the bird-power of flight, so the mind and heart are the evidences of our affinity for Him who made us and redeemed us. is the "categorical imperative" which none may gainsay. And, above all. He who is the world's great hero and Saviour; He, who, after all the darkness and apparent defeat of Calvary, is the world's greatest success, solemnly but with winning force and tenderness assures us that though we may gain the whole world and lose our own souls; though we may succeed in a lesser aim and lose the highest it shall profit us This is the one thing man may strive for without disappointment, satiety, disgust; the one thing from which flow waters ever living, never stagnant; the one dream which never becomes distasteful when realized, because there are infinite possibilities of development, and activity, and joy for the sons of God. "Yet I am learning," said Michael Angelo, at three score years and ten, after he had achieved his

greatest triumphs of art. "Yet I am learning" may be the glad satisfaction of the redeemed around the throne. "What a beautiful statue!" exclaimed an admirer to a great sculptor. "Ah," said the artist, tapping his forehead, "if you could only see the statue here!"

Thank God for divine ideals, ever-widening horizons, illimitable stretches of hope and faith and love! Said Lamartine: "Bounded in his nature, infinite in his desires, man is a fallen god who has a recollection of heaven." And Jesus of Nazareth not only restored to man the clear vision of his relations with the Father and the great hereafter, but also his lost heaven. "The kingdom of heaven is within you."

This is the permanent success assured by the devotion to the soul's specialty. All other achievements are extraneous; we leave them or they vanish from our sight. Though you seize the hues of the rainbow and outshine the colorings of a Titian or Dolce; though you plan and erect the noblest temple wherein man's heart may praise his God, surpassing the genius of a Wrenn or Angelo; though worlds lie in servile subjection under your feet, and you sigh for more to conquer like an Alexander; though the treasures of the earth were heaped in lavish abundance in your coffers exceeding the wealth of all the Goulds and the Rothschilds of earth; still is life imperfect, and success evanescent, and destiny marred without the development of the highest part of man, the spiritual, which links him with God. Religion does not circumscribe and cramp. "Life abundant" is the Master's promise. Religion does not interfere with the other specialties of life, of invention, discovery, art, government; it makes these all subservient to this highest calling, and contributory, as the rivulets add life and force to the stream. From one view-point Paul was the follower of "this one thing." But from another he stands out surprisingly great as a statesman, legislator, orator, logician, theologian, traveler, agitator, organizer, counsellor, reformer, hero and martyr.

And so when-

"The fretful stir unprofitable and the fever of the world Have hung upon the beatings of my heart,"

I find rest, encouragement and power in the words, which come like the accents of an angel's voice, "Now indeed are we the sons of God; yet it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

And when in the lonely night I look up at the heavens, "where blossom the stars, the forget-me-nots of the angels" I read in that vast temple a plan and purpose of harmony and beauty which gloriously illustrate God's desire and love for that beautiful temple of the Holy Ghost, the soul of man; and I recall those words of Carlyle: "The older I grow—and I now stand on the brink of eternity—the more comes back to me that sentence in the catechism which I learned when a child and the fuller and deeper its meaning becomes, 'What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever!" "This one thing I do" will not only make this life richer and happier, but afford us the exquisite joy of hope and expectation which made Paul exclaim as his execution day approached: "I am ready to be offered; I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith, I have run the race; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me in that day."

Rev. W. Francis Irwin, Chi, '87.

THE SIGMA CHI MAID.

Oh, Chloris! Oh, Phyllis!
All you have long
The scepter usurped
In the empire of Song!
Oh, queens! at whose feet
The sweet rhymes of the past
Have all been bestowed,
Your power wanes at last.

Oh, Phyllis! Oh, Chloris!
A new dynasty reigns;
And sheep are no longer
The emblems of swains.
And men are now prone,
As in scorn of romance,
To give wild-flowers and crooks
But a casual glance.

THE SIGMA CHI MAID-CONTINUED.

Ah, Phyllis! Ah, Chloris!
But phantoms were ye;
Like a breath that the night-wind
Might waft over sea.
A pastoral dream
Of impossible things,
When mountains were kingdoms
And shepherds were kings.

Oh, Phyllis! Oh, Chloris!
I assert that you be
An abstraction too airy,
Too unreal, for me!
Give me more of the essence,
Though she be not so fair;
The charm of real presence,
Ye women of air!

Sweet Phyllis! Fair Chloris!
Farewell! ye are sped.
Another queen reigns
In your empire instead.
All hail to the queen!
(May her charms never fade,
As your laurels have withered!)
The Sigma Chi maid!

J. R. TAYLOR, ETA, '93-

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE XI XI CHAPTER.

Missouri State University is well worthy of the great state at the head of whose institutions of learning she stands. The university was established and located at Columbia in 1839. It 1841 courses of instruction in academic work were begun, a normal department being added in 1867, and the college of agriculture and mechanic arts and the school of mines and metallurgy in 1870. Then followed the law department in 1872, the medical department in 1873 and the engineering department in 1877. In 1888, under act of congress, the experiment station was established. The Missouri State Military School was created a department of the university in 1890. Since the old academic hall went up in flames in the winter of 1892 the progress and development of Missouri University have been almost marvelous. In the place of the one great imposing structure of which she then boasted she now has seven new, finely equipped departmental buildings at Columbia and three others at Rolla belonging to the school of mines and metallurgy. This list, however, does not include the smaller which are variously scattered over the university grounds and which are eleven in number, making in all twenty-one buildings owned by the university.

When the question of a university first arose several of the wealthiest counties of central Missouri vied with each other in raising money to secure the location. Boone county led with \$120,000 and so secured the great college of which she is so proud. Thus the generous citizens of Boone county started the endowment; and, with the \$90,000 which they later contributed to the college of agriculture and mechanic arts and the munificent gift of the United States Government of 275,000 acres of land, the endowment of the university has been steadily increased until now its annual income is equivalent to four per cent. interest on \$6,000,-000. Again the act of congress of March 2, 1887, appropriates \$15,000 annually for the support of the college of agriculture and for the maintainance of an experiment station. This appropriation began with the year 1890 and \$1,000 is to be added annually until it reaches \$25,000, which shall remain an annual appropriation. Thus it is manifest that Missouri University has an endowment of which she may well be proud, for it is equaled by few and surpassed by only two state universities in America.

The university and its several departments, including experimental farm, athletic field, etc., covers 830 acres of land. There are in all twenty-one buildings, but chief among them are academic hall, engineering hall, biological building, chemistry building, agricultural college, mechanic arts building, observatory, law building, and the president's mansion. The most beautiful and imposing of them all is academic hall, completed in 1895 at a cost of \$250,000. It contains the auditorium, capable of seating comfortably 1,800 people, the museum of archeology, a new and valuable acquisition of the university. contains the library of 50,000 volumes, literary society halls, ladies' parlors, classical libraries, offices of president, registrar and proctor of the university; also the faculty parlors, besides lecture rooms, study halls, Facilities for practical instruction in the sciences are provided in the museums of zoology, geology, and agriculture and in the various laboratories. The university has now in regular use nineteen laboratories of science and technology and four drawing rooms, one general and three special.

The location and situation of the buildings are worthy of a word of comment. The university campus includes thirty-two acres of undulating ground in the southern part of the city. Near the center of the campus the principal buildings are grouped around a quadrangle. quadrangle opens toward the north, with department buildings on the sides and the south end closed by beautiful academic hall. Near the center of the quadrangle stands in imposing grandeur the last remnant of an ancient idol. The six huge Ionic columns, all that remains to tell the tale of the great conflagration, stand out in bold relief against the dark red background of academic hall. Around these great relics of bygone days cluster memories sweet and pure; in their somber shade the famous Eugene Field was wont to woo the muse in his boyhood days; there the blood of impetuous youths, angered at fancied insults, flowed freely during the dark hours of the nation's travail. Why wonder then at the sacred devotion of Columbia's population to these massive pillars of stone?

Thomas Jefferson, when he penned the complete educational system of Virginia in 1779, was inspired with the Prussian idea that "the functions of an university ought to be to concentrate the intellectual rays and send back the intensified light over the land." Saturated and electrified with the wisdom of Jefferson's educational system the people of Missouri were prompted to found Missouri University.

The faculty, which at first numbered only five, has increased as occasion demanded until at present there are sixty-one professors, assistants,

and instructors. Beginning with only half a hundred students there are now eight hundred on the roll. All honor to President Jesse of Psi chapter, for the university has made greater progress along all lines during the five years since his inauguration as president than in all its preceding history.

In point of athletics Missouri University stands among the greatest universities of the west. Rollins athletic field is perhaps the finest athletic field in the state. It affords ample room for foot-ball, base-ball, tennis and other outdoor sports. The gymnasium is located temporarily in the basement of the west wing of academic hall, but efforts are being made to secure an appropriation for a new gymnasium.

Missouri University, located in the wealthiest portion of the greatest state west of the Mississippi, has indeed brilliant prospects, and as time passes on may she continue to advance as she has under the able administration of her present chief executive.

J. D. RIPPEY, XI XI.

In the history of the Missouri State University the year 1895-1896 may be named the year of the Hellenic Invasion. For during a period of six months no less than three fraternities granted charters to petitioners at this institution.

First came the sophomore fraternity, Theta Nu Epsilon, during January, 1896. About the same time a movement was started to found a chapter of some good national fraternity. The organizers of this move looked carefully over the field and at last chose Sigma Chi as their ideal of a college fraternity. Consequently these young men allied themselves together, with the avowed purpose of securing a charter of Sigma Chi or none. In the meantime, the sorority, Phi Beta Kappa, established a chapter, with five members. All went well with the petitioners of Sigma Chi, and at last the goal was reached, their fond hopes realized; for, after due investigation, word was received that the charter had been granted.

The initiation occurred September 26, 1896, when the three distinguished gentlemen, Gen. Benjamin Piatt Runkle, Grand Annotator Newman Miller, and Grand Prætor Herbert C. Arms, all of Chicago, came to conduct the ceremony. All the petitioners were at the station, awaiting the arrival of the expected guests. The arrival of the train soon proved that Xi Xi chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity was soon to be a reality; and as Gen. Runkle stepped from the platform, followed by Mr. Miller and Mr. Arms, the hearty greetings which were exchanged,

and the expressions of joy upon every face, bespoke that enthusiasm which glad hearts alone can feel.

The visitors were conducted at once to the Sigma Nu hall, which had been kindly tendered for use in the initiation. This they proceeded to arrange. When the shades of night had fallen and all the petitioners had been "gathered into the fold," one by one they were led forth, while the suspense of those remaining increased apace. Finally the last call was made, and the following named wore that beautiful emblem, the white cross: J. D. Rippey, '97, Lawson, Mo.; F. L. Young, '96, Columbia, Mo.; G. W. Crowley, '97, Lawson, Mo.; Murry Phillips, Jr., '98, New Madrid, Mo.; G. P. Adams, '98, King City, Mo.; H. H. Lotter, '97, Moberly, Mo.; Claude C. Crowley, '98, Lawson, Mo.; S. R. Halstead, '98, Vibbard, Mo.; T. H. Wilcoxen, 1900, Bowling Green, Mo. After the initiation all proceeded to the Cottage House, where a spread had been arranged. Brother Arms acted as toastmaster and toasts were responded to in bursts of eloquence, from both visitors and initiates. Songs were in order, and mirth and enthusiasm prevailed. Arms and Miller spoke to the initiates in words filled with love and kindly counsel, such words as serve to weld tighter the bonds of Sigma Chi and cast new lustre upon the white cross. Gen. Runkle concluded the toasts with one of his most eloquent and touching speeches. told of the founding of Sigma Chi, of the difficulties that were encountered and overcome, and of his satisfaction to see her now, one of the grandest fraternities in existence. In conclusion he was greeted with an outburst of applause, and the response, "long live Sigma Chi," filled every heart. The festivities continued until a late hour, and it was with great reluctance that the company finally said "farewell."

It was a source of much regret to both visitors and initiates that it was impossible for President Jesse to be present at the installation.

Since the installation Brothers Karl Kimmel, '97, and W. R. Scudder, 1900, have been introduced to the mysteries of Sigma Chi, and we have two men pledged. Brother Lotter is Senior Captain of the Battalion of Cadets. Thus Xi Xi chapter of Sigma Chi begins her career under most favorable auspices, and indications point to a promising future. She possesses that important requisite, congeniality, and will ever strive to promote the welfare of Sigma Chi and of its members.

GEORGE P. ADAMS, Xi Xi, '98.

Another baby is born to Sigma Chi in the establishment of the Xi Xi chapter at the Missouri State University at Columbia. The whole affair

.was a grand success and it is to be regretted that so few Sigs were present. Grand Annotator Miller and Prætor Arms of Chicago and Grand Consul Runkle were the installators. General Runkle arrived in Chicago the day before and was induced to go as custos. We three left St. Louis Saturday morning with a brass band and other paraphernalia. The brass band was the property of some Palmer democrats who were going to open up the state campaign. In vain did the general try to show them the error of their ways. The band only played the louder.

We arrived in Columbia late in the afternoon in a drizzling rain, and were met at the depot by the entire crowd of petitioners. Six of the original petitioners of last year were initiated that evening and then turned loose on three other victims, C. C. Crowley, S. R. Halsted and F. H. Wilcoxen, who had since been pledged. This was followed by a banquet at the hotel—"My Lor', how them darkies can cook." Every one had to make a speech or sing a song, and there were few flunks. The landlord finally dismissed us. Sunday morning we visited the campus, had our pictures taken and then started for home.

Xi Xi is an honor to the fraternity and we feel proud of her. The boys have got the true Sigma Chi spirit, and had it before they became Sigs, as the tenacity with which they stuck to their petition showed. They are an earnest, enthusiastic, congenial lot of good fellows and they belong to a large and growing university. They intend to push the blue and gold of Sigma Chi to the top down there and they have not far to push it. Look out for Xi Xi.

HERBERT C. ARMS, KAPPA KAPPA, '95.

MY KNIGHT.

(To Alpha Tau Chapter, University of North Carolina.)

He's not a hero of chivalry,
Ever ready to break a lance;
Not a Sidney nor a Douglas,
With haughty, fiery glance.
He wears no massive armour,
No coat of chained mail;
But in the face of danger
His heart will never quail.

No vows of chivalry he's taken,
This nineteenth-century knight;
He ne'er has rescued a maiden
From death or grievous plight.
And yet in the great world's battle,
Methinks he holds his part.
And no knight of "Good King Arthr"
Had a nobler, truer heart.

"For God and the right" his watchword,
Though not blazoned on banner nor shield,
With heart that is true and fearless
'Gainst sin he takes the field.
Evil o'er him hath no power,
Satan's arts he can defy;
For on his breast he's wearing
The cross of Sigma Chi.

MISS MARIA HERIOT.

Georgetown, S. C., August 21, 1896.

Editorial.

The year has opened very auspiciously. Notwithstanding the commercial depression an increased attendance is shown at very nearly every institution at which we have a chapter. A great many have strengthened their faculties, erected new buildings, established new chairs and in various ways increased their facilities. The expressions "increased attendance" and "bright future" occur in a majority of the chapter letters. With but one or two exceptions our chapters are in excellent condition. At the beginning of the season things looked somewhat dubious in several quarters; chapters with every hope in the world of opening the year with a large number of men found their ranks very seriously depleted. But practically without exception those few brothers who did return have recognized the requirements of the situation and dealt with it accordingly. And the result has been in most cases that the ranks have been again filled. In several places, however, the number is hardly as large as could be desired, and in one institution we have but three men. The correspondents everywhere write very enthusiastically of the situation and from a reading of the letters one must conclude that this year is to be even more prosperous than last. Alpha has entered a chapter-house; Gamma has a newly furnished hall; Alpha Theta occupies the best house of any of the Massachusetts Tech. fraternities; Psi has taken a new hall; Alpha Phi, although delayed in building by unfortunate circumstances which could not be prevented, will build next spring; Phi Phi has rented a house; Alpha Iota is about to move into elegant quarters, and so on through the list. To Alpha Epsilon especial praise is perhaps due at this time. The boys of that chapter have rented one of the most handsome buildings in Lincoln. The University of Nebraska is said to be prospering, and we are happy to know that Alpha Epsilon is so thoroughly alive to the interests of Sigma Chi.

In the first province everything is in first-class shape. There is an increased attendance at Columbian, and Epsilon appears to be doing well. So far two persons have been initiated.—A larger freshman class than usual, numbering sixty-five, entered Gettysburg, and Theta opened the year with six men. Up to the time the chapter letter was written five had been initiated.—Kappa is doing better than had been hoped. The associate editor says that the chapter is strong; four old men re-

turned, three have been initiated and one pledged.—The revived Phi Phi has come out strong. The chapter is large and its members are very prominent in college affairs. It has several able representatives on the foot-ball eleven, of which one of its men is also manager. It furnishes the captain and two members of the crew, manages the track team and the University Courier, etc. A house has been taken and we may reasonably expect to see Sigma Chi's interest zealously advanced at the great University of Pennsylvania.—Alpha Rho's correspondent says they opened the year somewhat reduced in numbers, having lost six men by graduation, but that nevertheless the outlook is favorable. Three good fellows have already been initiated, with others in sight.— Pennsylvania State College opened with a freshman class of ninety-six, being twenty less than that of last year. Six of last year's chapter returned to Alpha Chi and at the date of their letter five men had been pledged.—Washington and Lee also has an unusually small attendance, but Zeta seems to maintain her same commendable situation. A small chapter has been the rule there and four old Sigs and three initiates constitute the normal number.

At the opening of the season the second province was not in the best condition, but fortunately things have taken a more favorable turn. The associate editor says that Tau has every reason to be encouraged. Six men returned and it is said that the attendance at Roanoke has not only increased, but that the quality is better.—Psi had only three brothers at the start, but three transfers have affiliated and four men have been initiated, so that the chapter is now in fairly good shape. A new hall has been secured and the associate editor predicts a very successful year.—Gamma Gamma started with but two men and only one has been initiated. But with Randolph-Macon the situation is better, and there seems to be no reason why Gamma Gamma should not strengthen herself in numbers.—Hampden-Sidney opened with a large increase in the attendance. Sigma Sigma had but two brothers at the beginning, though three have since been initiated.

The third province presents a most encouraging situation. At Miami there is a large attendance, and, according to our correspondent, her prospects are brighter than ever before. Of Alpha's twenty-strong chapter only nine returned, one has been initiated and five pledged. The associate editor says that fraternity material is rather scarce. He thinks that our chapter is the best at the institution.—Gamma has initiated two men and pledged two. A new hall has been fitted up and our boys are prominent in college life.—Denison started with increased attendance, due in part undoubtedly to the new departments which

have been added. Mu has four new members and one pledge. Our boys take an active part in college affairs, especially in athletics.—According to the associate editor, Zeta Psi opened the year with only a small chapter. He must have been speaking comparatively, for he later informs us that ten brothers returned and that four have been initiated. As usual, Sigma Chi at the University of Cincinnati has everything to suit itself.—Lambda Lambda expects the most successful year of its history. The season was opened with seven men and three have been initiated.—Mu Mu lost six men by graduation and but one person has been initiated thus far, though the University of West Virginia has a larger attendance than ever, and undoubtedly more Sigma Chi stuff will be found.—Ohio State University has over 1,000 in attendance. Six brothers returned to Alpha Gamma, two have been initiated, a new hall has been furnished, and the boys are apparently very enthusiastic. The associate editor says that the chapter's prospects were never better.

The banner state, Indiana, comprising the fourth province, seems to maintain its former reputation. DePauw, relieved from its financial dangers, had a favorable opening, though it is said that fraternity material is somewhat scarce. Xi retains her former prestige with nineteen old men and six initiates.—Rho started with only three members, but she has been there before and a decrease in membership does not alarm her. Three men have been initiated.—Things looked very blue for Chi at the beginning of the year. Only three of her old men returned and two of them are seniors; two freshmen have been initiated and it is confidently expected that Chi will regain her accustomed prestige and strength.—Delta Delta is the same old reliable bulwark. Seven men were graduated last year, but two of them returned for post-graduate work. With these and several affiliates the chapter numbered eleven, and eight have been pledged. Purdue has the largest attendance in its history.

In the fifth province also things are encouraging. Omega is probably in better trim than ever before. We have a fine crowd at Northwestern and there is plenty of enthusiasm.—Kappa Kappa is the same stronghold as ever. Twelve men returned, one affiliated, four have been initiated and several pledged. The chapter has lost some of its athletic strength, though it maintains its prestige in other lines.—Our new chapter at the University of Missouri seems to be doing admirably. Since its installation one man has been initiated and two pledged. With the University of Missouri the outlook is more flattering than ever.—Alpha Zeta also continues one of our best chapters. Thirteen brothers returned, one has been initiated and six pledged. Our boys still continue

very strong in college affairs.—With Alpha Iota things are encouraging. Owing to a faculty rule no initiation can occur until next term. Our correspondent, however, assures us that everything is lovely and that the chapter will secure its share of the available material.—Alpha Pi opened the year very materially reduced in numbers. Ten men were graduated last June and three others failed to return. At the beginning five Sigs were present and since then five have been initiated. The same old-time enthusiasm still prevails and no prestige will be lost. The attendance at Albion is less than that of last year.—Alpha Lambda is situated in a fine house and numbers thirteen. No initiation has thus far occured.

In the sixth province we have but two chapters and they are doing very admirably. Alpha Epsilon is thirteen strong and is in fine shape. A new house has been taken and everything points to a very successful year. The University of Nebraska is said to have an encouraging outlook, though fraternity material among the new men is scarce.

—Alpha Xi has moved into a new house and seems to continue in the same old way with seven of last year's chapter and five initiates.

The seventh province gives abundant evidence of Sigma Chi's strength in the south. The University of Mississippi opened strong. Eta numbers twenty-one, fourteen old Sigs and seven initiates. The boys seem to be very congenial and expect a happy and successful year.—The University of Texas has entered an era of prosperity and Alpha Nu keeps apace. Eleven of last year's chapter returned and eight have been initiated. A very decided enthusiasm prevails and we seem to be assured of a stronghold in the University of Texas.—Alpha Omicron seems to be in as good form as ever, with eight old and five new men.—Alpha Psi is filled with enthusiasm and its ten old men and three new hold many college honors.

In California things are very encouraging for the institutions and for our chapters. Alpha Beta numbers seven of last year, with three initiates. The University of California has a large attendance and we are justified in expecting a strong chapter.—Alpha Upsilon numbers seven and continues very prominent in college affairs.—Alpha Omega has sent no detailed information, but the associate editor says that the prospects are encouraging.

And, last of all, the ninth province is flourishing. Alpha Alpha assures us of prospects as flattering as ever; three men have been initiated.—Eta Eta continues strong; no initiations will be made until next semester. But there is a great deal of fraternity material at Dartmouth, and our correspondent assures us that Sigma Chi will get a large

share.—Nu Nu seems to be in better shape than ever. The boys appear to be filled with enthusiasm. Nine of last year's chapter returned, six men have been initiated, and chapter quarters will soon be occupied. And, best of all, Alpha Phi sends the most encouraging reports. Sixteen old Sigs appeared with the opening of the season and two have since been initiated. The same large share of college honors falls to the chapter. Boys, keep up your courage; that house is bound to come.

An informal meeting of the Sigs at Harvard was held October 8th. Brother Edw. H. Allen writes:

"The purpose of the meeting was the forming of an association for the mutual benefit both of those who are at present in attendance and those who may be in after years. Brother C. R. Yoke acted as chairman. It was decided to hold monthly meetings. As far as we can learn the following is a complete list of the Sigs who are at present in Harvard: Frank H. Gazzolo, Kappa Kappa, '96; James M. Ogden, Xi, '94; C. T. Dalton, Rho, '96; Harry C. Strong, Rho; C. R. Yoke, Rho, '96; J. Graydon; Asst. Prof. W. Nickelson, Lambda, '87, Alpha Omega, '92; W. H. Nickelson, Lambda, '89; Wirt Howe, Alpha Omicron, '93; Fred. Smith, Lambda, '96; H. O. Wise, Lambda, '94; Edw. H. Allen, Gamma, '96; H. K. Brent, Alpha Phi, '96. Of these four are in the graduate school, two are in the law school, one is in college, and two are special.

"Our purpose is not, as some may suppose, to form a club which shall in any way compete with the various fraternities and clubs here, for we think that that is neither advisable nor practicable. In this university fraternities as fraternities have no standing. Accordingly it is farthest from our ambition to form a Sigma Chi chapter or club as such. We do not think that true fraternity spirit exists here, and we strongly, under the present conditions, disapprove of a chapter being placed here. We do, however, propose to form such an organization that we will be able to entertain brothers from the various schools of Boston or from any chapter who may be thrown in our midst. I am glad to note that the same spirit of congeniality which is ever a characteristic of Sigma Chi exists here. "Removed as we are from our own chapters, we feel that our love for the blue and gold has not been impaired, and that, whether engaged in active fraternity work or not, we feel that it is our duty to reverence the noble principles of our grand fraternity."

THE CONSTITUTION.

The committee on constitutional revision has met. From its report it seems that no great changes have been made. There was no disposi-

tion to tear the old document to pieces or to depart in new paths. The old instrument remains substantially the same; the old lines are adhered to. Some important amendments by addition have been made, chief among which is a provision necessitating the incorporation of the fraternity. With this there is a suggestion that all property belong to the fraternity and that no chapter be allowed to mortgage or otherwise incumber its property without the consent of the Triumvirs. It is also proposed to make the editor-in-chief and the Grand Tribune members of the Grand Council. I understand that the complete minutes of the meeting, together with a draft of the proposed amended constitution, will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin. Some of the proposed changes will afford opportunity for discussion, and they need it very much. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the next Bulletin will receive a thorough perusal and that the disputed questions will be completely considered. The QUARTERLY is at the disposal of any one wishing to make any suggestions.

IN SELECTING MEN.

A great deal has been said and written about "the fraternity ideal," "the fraternity man" and kindred topics. And the substance of all opinions is about the same. It has all been said over and over again better than I could say it, but I wish to direct a few remarks on the subject to our chapters. I have recently found an aggravated case of the hypercritical crank. He refused to vote for several persons whom the remainder of the chapter were very anxious to initiate. This person could not or at least did not assign any sensible reason for his action. Our constitution requires a unanimous vote to elect to membership. And that provision is a very wise one, and, used with judgment, is very salutary in its effect. But it is capable of being abused to the serious detriment of the chapter. Of course it is perfectly proper for a brother to exercise his privilege in this respect, but he ought to use some moderation and sound judgment. The prerogative is a dangerous one in the hands of indiscreet persons. Good men, very good men, have been kept out of our fraternity because of an ill-advised exercise of this right by one man. But that is the price which we must pay, and can afford to pay, to protect our active boys from uncongenial associates. Perhaps the thing of highest importance in an active chapter is to maintain that degree of congeniality without which the main object of our existence cannot be attained. The unanimous vote requirement tends to secure this desired result. Sometimes our chapters are somewhat hasty in the selection of men. It has happened in such cases that a vote has been cast against a candidate for membership much to the chagrin of the remainder of the chapter, and yet in time the entire chapter came to entertain the same opinion as the person casting the fatal vote and to sincerely thank him for it. Under such circumstances we see and appreciate the wisdom of the provision. But for every case of this kind we find many instances, on the other hand, where the chapter has retained its favorable opinion and the person voting in the negative has, too late, regretted his action. Men who afterward became towers of strength in college and professional life have been kept out of Sigma Chi by one black ball. As I said, that is the price which we pay and can afford to pay for keeping out the few undesirable persons who might otherwise obtain admission to our circle. So it behooves every person to consider well the situation before he exercises his right. And when a member feels himself called upon three or four times during the college year to black-ball persons heartily recommended by the remainder of the chapter such member had better ponder deeply upon the question whether or not the fault does not lie in himself. His course is apt to engender some ill feeling in the chapter. If all the others are in favor of man after man against whom the opposing brother can offer no objection save that he does not like him personally such brother may safely assume that he is not in just exactly the crowd best suited to him.

And in selecting men remember that it is men we want—not good clothes, social standing, blue-blooded aristocrats or anything of the sort. Remember that "wealth is a thing which changes hands every day, but virtue none can steal away." How often it is the humble freshman who makes the most popular, able and promising senior! In the last QUARTERLY we copied freely from the Beta Theta Pi Magazine on this subject and we hope all our boys will read that extract and profit by what our friend has said.

In choosing persons of whom to make Sigma Chis, bear in mind that the desirability of a person is not a question of what he knows or what he can do, but rather of what he is. The first qualification of membership is character, not ability. A student may know a great deal, be endowed with great mental acumen and physical aptness, and yet be absolutely unfit to be taken into our fraternity. A person may be highly cultured and well informed; he may be graceful and gracious in society; he may stand well in his class duties, may be an eloquent orator, a general athlete; he may, in short, possess all the arts and blandishments which will make him the leader in college life. And yet, notwithstanding all these things, he may lack the qualifications of a Sigma Chi. Character is very hard to judge, particularly on short acquaintance, and

these external accomplishments frequently deceive older heads. Yet character is the true test, and it must be your aim to acquire a true understanding of just what a person is. I find myself embarrassed in expressing my thoughts in this matter. What I mean is this, that inasmuch as the main object of Sigma Chi is to form friendships among college men, you must get those fellows who will make good friends; select those noble-minded, unselfish fellows who have a high idea of the rights and obligations of friendship. A man may have the wisdom of a Solomon, the music of an Apollo, the prowess of a Hercules, and still be a disagreeable, selfish, overbearing, mean-minded, sniveling, peevish, unprincipled man. It is possible for such person to become prominent in after life and thus add something to the prominence of the order. But, boys, we do not exist for that purpose exactly. You take the fellows who will make congenial companions and let the prominence of the order take care of itself. Harmony of feeling is the strength of a chapter of Sigma Chi, not power in college life. Do not understand me as belittling those qualifications of a man which will add prominence to the order. But what I say is that the primary purpose of our organization is to make a student's college life enjoyable, and this must not be prostituted before other things. It matters not how great a fellow is, if he is apt to bring discord in the chapter, if he is apt to treat you in a mean way, to create ill-feeling or to incur your ill-will, then he is not a man to be taken. And especially beware of the man who intends to join a fraternity simply because he considers it the proper thing and because he thinks he will be ostracised if he does not. I have had some experience with a man of that description. He was from an excellent family, well bred, handsome, bright, witty, always pleasant and gracious, prominent in college sports, and well liked everywhere. But he had no more interest in the chapter than he had in his studies. rarely came to the meetings of the chapter, seldom visited the chapterhouse; he was always behind in his dues, and in various ways his connection with the chapter was a source of regret to us all. And this same fellow somewhat exemplified what I have been trying to express above. For, notwithstanding all his accomplishments, he was not a noble fellow. He would never inconvenience himself to grant a favor to a brother Sig; he was selfish beyond endurance; he did the smallest. most contemptible thing imaginable; and, as our acquaintance with his character became more thorough, the more disagreeable and distasteful became his presence to us.

And, above all things, remember the old aphorism that the clothes do not make the man. You are just as apt to find a true heart and a

noble character clad in rags as in broadcloth. You may find the best friends among the most unpromising matriculates. And forget not that the awkwardness frequently wears off. Every college man has witnessed and wondered at the evolution which frequently takes place. I well remember a classmate of mine. He was the greenest, rawest, most uncouth fellow one could imagine as going to college. He was endowed with the most bizarre tastes and outlandish ideas. When he first came he was clad in a ten-dollar suit of clothes and a two-dollar cravat. This fellow was so green, his tastes so barbarous, his awkwardness so proverbial that his name was suggested in every fraternity in the institution as a joke. And yet within a few months a change was apparent. And before that fellow was graduated he was one of the best liked and respected men in the entire institution. Such cases have fallen within the observation of every college man.

I have some misgivings as to whether I have made my meaning very perspicuous. But this much is certainly very plain, that to become a good Sig a person must be a good friend, and that the test is what a man \dot{x} , not what he knows or can do.

EXTENSION AGAIN.

It is said that Lowell once delivered a lecture on William Shakespeare, entitling it "Shakespeare Again," indicating the triteness of the topic. An editor of one of the Greek magazines, accustomed to see the subject of "extension" argued, reargued and then argued again from every standpoint under the sun until it has become a nightmare with him, feels impelled to apollogetically tack on the preposition "again." But then the active membership of a fraternity is constantly changing and every four years the old questions are born again and are entitled to the consideration due the regenerate. It is all new to the new member. And inasmuch as the new members constitute the fraternity, it is perhaps wise to keep thrashing over the same old straw. And besides, the subject has never been a bugbear in the Quarterly.

"Is the extension of Sigma Chi necessary?" asks Grand Consul Gen. Runkle in the February QUARTERLY. "The answer that any one makes to this question must necessarily depend on his conception of the purpose for which the Fraternity exists." In that answer to his own question, Gen. Runkle has come very near the root of the whole matter. The question then is mainly this, why is Sigma Chi? Gen. Runkle says "if it is better to do good than to leave it selfishly undone, the Sigma Chi Fraternity cannot be too widely extended." According to my conception Sigma Chi was not organized, or at least does not continue to

exist, as a training school to develop morality; it does not teach any particular moral code, nor inculcate any religious teaching; it is not our purpose to aid and relieve poverty; it is not our mission to elevate politics or to rectify social evils; it is not our idea to reclaim fallen women or to close saloons; we are not a literary society, nor are we as an organization interested in university extension or kindred schemes; we give no insurance on the lives of our members, nor do we grant annuities to Sigma Chi does not exist for any of these philanthropic or humanitarian purposes. It is largely a social society, and its purpose is to make friendships for a boy entering college. It is the idea to get congenial boys together, very largely for mutual pleasure and enjoyment. Incidentally a vast amount of moral and intellectual development results from one's connection with Sigma Chi. But still that is only incidental, and is not the primary object. We do not exist for general elevation of mankind in any way. There are other organizations whose purpose it is to accomplish that. Sigma Chi exists only for the benefit of its own members. It is the sphere of our organization to make men and gentlemen of its members and to prepare them to become influential and powerful in those other societies which are especially organized and adapted to treat with the great sociological problems now before the American people. In what way it benefits its members it is not the province of this article to discuss. Every one acquainted with the Greek letter fraternity system understands and appreciates those benefits without an exposition of them at this time.

Gen. Runkle's argument is that we must not selfishly leave good undone. Inasmuch as there is need of good doing everywhere, our order would become universal. But Gen. Runkle finds one limitation in extension and that is, "Where are the right sort of men to be found?" He then by statistics which he had himself compiled shows the prominence of the small college graduates in the public life of the Gen. Runkle is very much in earnest in this matter and took considerable time in the compilation of his statistics. I have no fight to make on the small college (my alma mater is a very small institution) provided the particular small college is a first-class institution and can furnish an abundance of good material. But just there is the difficulty. Now whatever may be said as to the worth and merit of our small educational institutions, it cannot be denied that year by year the quantity of what is called "Sigma Chi" material decreases. Most small institutions can support a chapter or two quite conveniently, but there are always five or six chapters in competition, and to sustain life it sometimes becomes necessary to take men who might not otherwise have been chosen.

know of a certain small college where there are chapters of four fraternities. One has a fine house. This year there returned to that chapter but three of its former members. Very few men were found with whom these three persons thought they could associate. And the other fraternities were so unkind as to take those few from them. There was this proud chapter, with its fine house—no other fraternity having even a nice hall. A serious situation confronted them. All the fraternity material, at least in their estimation, was gone. They must either accept some persons undesirable or allow their chapter to continue a precarious existence for a year to possibly die from a very lack of men next season. In these small institutions there is a continuous struggle for existence; there is always present a tendency or perhaps a necessity to take some men who are really not wanted, or rather would not be wanted if a broader field of selection presented itself. The statement of the situation is its own condemnation and no commentary is needed. And yet there is just as much chance to do good in these institutions as in larger ones. Sigma Chi certainly is not to do evil; yet it is not to do good—as that expression would ordinarily be understood. It is not a reform club and doesn't purpose to aid outside parties. It exists in itself and for itself. And the question to be considered in deciding the matter of extension is whether the proposed field will add anything to the prestige of the organization, and the fact that we can or cannot do good to outside parties by granting a charter should not enter in the discussion. I doubt not that we could do good by establishing a chapter in every educational institution in the land. At the Cincinnati convention it was remarked during the discussion of the application from a certain college for a charter that Sigma Chi had no need of that institution, but that that institution had need of Sigma Chi. This was made as argument in favor of granting the charter. According to my view that argument, if it were true that Sigma Chi had no need of the institution, in itself was sufficient to justify a refusal of a charter.

The main enjoyment in a fraternity connection comes from the individual chapter of which a man is a member. Having congenial friendships there a member takes pleasure in the prominence, strength and national standing of the Fraternity. He is proud to think that he occupies a position to which but few attain. He takes pleasure in knowing about the other chapters. He likes to know that our Fraternity is represented in only first-class institutions. The fact of limited membership is an inspiration to him. It was said at one of the Chicago banquets that joining the Masons is like joining the human race; we like to feel that joining Sigma Chi, on the other hand, is joining a selected few.

And the Masonic order exists for only one purpose, to do good in the world. Universal extension is the best means of accomplishing its aim. And if Sigma Chi exists for the same purpose, then universal extension is not only advisable but necessary. But on the other hand, if it is true that Sigma Chi exists for itself, then broad extension is not necessary. Of course there is a feeling of satisfaction in belonging to a fraternity which has the power of numbers, but the larger the membership the smaller the proportion of acquaintances. The more chapters we have the less we will know of one another. As we gain extensively we may lose intensively; and it is a question as to which is better. Some fraternities proceed on the one and some on the other idea. There are fraternities whose aim is to make every member of each chapter acquainted with those of all others; and they accomplish that and more, the active members become acquainted with a large proportion of the alumni. Of course that is quite a desirable thing, but I am hardly prepared to say that it is worth the price paid for it, i. e., a rigid restriction in the number of chapters. I quite agree to the proposition that a certain amount of extension is advisable to prevent stagnation; but after a certain point is reached that extension should be made more conservatively. When that point is reached an organization can afford to most carefully consider a proposed field, and grant charters to none but firstrate fellows in first-class institutions. And the fact that we can do good to the applicants or their college should not enter into the discussion. The question to be decided is can they do us good.

THE SONG BOOK.

About forty songs have been collected and Brother George D. Harper, chairman of the special committee having charge of the publication of the song book, has advised that the fraternity proceed with the printing. In a short time the Triumvirs will consider ways and means, and sometime during the present college year the new book will probably be out.

Letters from Active Chapters.

FIRST PROVINCE.

EPSILON-COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Again do we assemble within Columbian's walls. Some of our former classmates and friends are still with us. Others have either graduated or remained away for diverse reasons, and many students have come into our midst for the first time. What a change one year may bring! One thinks much of his college classmate, but who knows the bounds of the love which one has for a fraternity brother. Epsilon regrets, beyond expression, that Brothers Talbott and Dixon are not with us this year. They were ever ready to do anything for Sigma Chi, and always showed a deep interest in the chapter. Brother Talbott was graduated B. S. last June, and Brother Dixon left college to attend the medical school in Columbus. May fortune ever smile upon them.

The increase of students this year makes us feel happy indeed, and already we have made propositions which promise good results in each case. One initiation has been held and the secrets of Sigma Chi were made known to two, both fine men, who were sought by other fraternities. Their initiation was one of which we are justly proud, being the best which Epsilon has held for a long time. All the boys were there, as also some alumni, including our honored friend and ardent supporter, Dr. Robert Farnham.

We have with us this year Brother Wayne Mitchell, Alpha Tau, '95, who is taking post-graduate law. He is "all right," and Epsilon feels honored to have him here.

Columbian will not have a 'varsity football team this year, because of the scarcity of good men, and we shall have to content ourselves with a college eleven, which, though light, will be equally as strong as the one of last year, which means that all the high schools in Washington and vicinity are booked for defeat. At a recent meeting of the students Brother Cutter, '99, was elected manager of the team.

The men in our chapter, and in the university this year, are all the right kind of fellows, and we expect to have a very fine time this winter, and will open our rooms very soon. Best wishes to all chapters.

Washington, D. C., October 14, 1896. Frank L. BISCOE.

THETA-GETTYSBURG COLLEGE.

Last June Theta closed the collegiate year with six active members and two pledged. Although very encouraging, this fact did not assure us that we would start the next season with that number. But as fate would have it all six returned, and with them the pledges, each ready to do all in his power to advance the interests of the chapter and the fraternity. The first thing to be done was to have the lodge put in presentable condition. Then the work began in earnest, and, as a consequence, we have five excellent men whom we will take pleasure in introducing. Two of them have brothers in the fraternity, and the others come very strongly recommended. The new men are the following: David Dale, Lamont, Pa.; George Lowden, Altoona, Pa.; William F. Rosensted, Johnstown, Pa.; Archie Munro, Lockhaven, Pa.; Newton Fredericks, Lockhaven, Pa. We can justly say that we got the pick of those entering this fall.

The freshman class is somewhat larger than usual, having a membership of sixty-five; but suitable fraternity material is very scarce, and none of the frats have done much initiating. The following is the present numerical strength of the chapters here: Sigma Chi, 11; Phi Gamma Delta, 10; Alpha Tau Omega, 9; Phi Delta Theta, 8.

Considerable interest is being taken this year in football. The team, under the training of Coach Best, of Lehigh, has been able to hold its own with anything in its class. We have beaten Baltimore City College, Franklin and Marshall, and Swathmore, and expect to beat our old rival, Dickinson, on next Thanksgiving Day. Theta is represented on the team by Brothers Lawyer, quarter-back; Dale, half-back; and Loudon, end.

The chapter has been presented, by the liberality of several of its alumni, with a beautiful water-color painting of our badge, framed in gilt. It adds greatly to the interior of the lodge, and is much appreciated by us all.

At the beginning of the year we enjoyed visits from the following alumni: Brothers Loudon, '96; Heindle, ex-'96; Bixler, ex-'97; Bixler, ex-'98; Fox, '92; Hersch, '92; McKee, '92, and Fisher, of New York Alumni Chapter.

Best wishes to all the chapters, especially Xi Xi, our infant, Gettysburg, Pa., November 1, 1896.

John Wendt.

KAPPA-BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Kappa started the present year's work with four old men. The fraternity material at Bucknell is better this year than it has been for some time, and by zealous work we initiated three men and have one pledged. We now take pleasure in presenting Brothers Samuel Mittenmyer, '00, Middleburg, Pa.; Bruce Trimmer, '98, York Springs, Pa., and Clarence Rogers, sub-freshman, Murray, Pa. The last is a brother of Frank Rogers, Kappa, '97. We were honored with the presence of Brothers Bucher, '94, and Ginter, '85, at the initiation. At this writing our chapter is strong and in good shape financially.

The foot-ball team earlier in the season was coached by William Young of Cornell. At present Brother Megargee, Kappa, '96, and Harvey Smith, from the University of Pennsylvania, have taken charge. We defeated Wyoming Seminary 12 to 0, and the U. P. reserves 10 to 0. On October 31st we play our old rivals, State College, at Willamsport, and the game promises to be very interesting. The ladies in town are giving a musicale for the benefit of the eleven, and it will no doubt be a great success.

We were pleased to have with us at the opening of this term Brother Bailey, Kappa, '96, and Brother Portser, Kappa, '95, active members of the Phi Phi, who gave us considerable assistance in getting men for the fraternity. Brothers Bailey, De Silver, Stiltz, Megargee and Stevenson came with the U. P. reserves and spent Sunday with us. Brother Rogers of Murray also spent a day with us.

We greet all Sigs and wish them much success.

Lewisburg, Pa., October 26, 1896.

HARRY R. THORNTON.

PHI PHI-UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Phi Phi sends her greetings to her sister chapters for the first time since her revival. We are very sorry that we had no letter in the last issue of the QUARTERLY. We were not then thoroughly organized. All of last year's chapter returned this year, with the exception of Brother Charlton, whom we lost by graduation. He is practicing medicine in the wilds of Indiana. We wish him success in his new venture.

The chapter is enlarged greatly this year by several brothers from other chapters who have affiliated. We have as such Brothers Dale, Hastings, and Marshall from Alpha Chi, Loudon from Theta, Arrison, Alpha Rho; Hope, Alpha Alpha, and Atwood, Alpha Lambda. Brothers Dale, Marshall and Loudon entered the medical school and the remaining brothers entered the college.

U. of P. has without a doubt the strongest team on the gridiron this year. They have not been scored against this year, and have defeated the following teams: Franklin and Marshall, 24 to 0; Gettysburg, 32 to 0; Bucknell, 40 to 0; Naval Cadets, 8 to 0; Dartmouth, 16 to 0.

Phi Phi is represented by McAvoy, manager, and Boyle, left end. We are represented on the "varsity" reserves by De Silver, who is playing a star game at tackle. "Mike" Murphy, the famous Yale trainer, has been engaged to officiate in the same capacity for Pennsylvania. Brother Shimer is the able manager of the track team.

Our 'varsity crew promises to outshine the brilliant reputation she made last year. Phi Phi is represented on the crew by Brothers Boyle, who is the able captain; McAvoy, coxswain, and Megargee, who pulled bow oar.

Brother Shimer is manager of the *University Courier*, our leading weekly paper.

On the Houston Club-House committee we have Brothers Shimer and McAvoy. The latter is also president of the "Darby Dental Society," while the former handles the gavel in his medical society.

When the Dartmouth team battled for supremacy with Pennsylvania we had the pleasure of meeting Brothers Pillsbury and Buell of Eta Eta, whom we found to be typical Sigs. They both played a star game in their respective positions of center and full-back. We have also received visits from Brothers Dale and Lawyer, who were here with the Gettysburg team, and Brother Barclay, the star all-around athlete of Lafayette College.

We have several very promising men in view whom we hope to be able to introduce in our next letter.

We trust that the outlook for our sister chapters is very bright.

Philadelphia, Pa., October 12, 1896. ORVILLE E. BAILEY.

P. S. October 26.—Last Saturday our star eleven was defeated by the Lafayette team, of which Brother George O. Barclay, Kappa, ex-'98, is the captain. It was he who scored the touchdown and kicked the goal which defeated us by a score of 6 to 4.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large Charles Clayton Lester, Jr., '98, College of Philadelphia. He was much sought after by the various fraternities, but finally concluded that the "White Cross" was the proper thing. Another brother whom we wish to introduce is Geo. A. Stevenson, Medical, '00, of Marinette, Wis. He was hard rushed by several "frats."

Repairs having been completed on our house we are now moved in, where we would be pleased to see any visiting Sigs.

O. E. B.

ALPHA RHO-LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Since the last letter to the QUARTERLY our chapter has been considerably reduced in numbers, having lost six men by graduation. However,

we are on our feet again, with three new men, Brother Reed, '97, and Brothers Abbott and Satchell, 'oo. We also have our eyes on several other fine fellows whom we hope to capture. "1900" entered strong this year at Lehigh, bringing several excellent athletes, who have greatly strengthened our foot-ball team. Thus far Lehigh has been fairly successful in foot-ball, holding Princeton and Brown to sixteen points each. We were glad to see that Lafayette's star half-back, Barclay, the man who won the game from Pennsylvania, was a Sig. We don't love Lafayette, but we do love to see Sigma Chi always on top.

We have had visits from Brother Lueckel, Alpha Rho, '89, and Brother MacCalla, Alpha Rho, '96, and from Brothers Bailey and De Silver of the Pennsylvania chapter. We express our sympathy for the last mentioned brothers; five to two were the odds they gave, and Lafayette won.

The writer had a very pleasant visit with the chapter at the University of Minnesota. He found Brother Kendall and two other Sigs very nicely situated together, and Brother Miller was very attentive. The writer also visited Butler College at Irvington, Ind., during the middle of September, but the college had not then opened. He was sorry that being so near the Delta Delta Chapter he could not visit it, but circumstances would not permit. Nothing but good reports of Sigma Chi were heard all through the West—and several times particularly good reports were heard of Delta Delta, Alpha Lambda, and Kappa Kappa.

Brother Miller, '96, has been elected president of the glee club, and Brothers Edgar and Davies will represent us on the banjo club. Owing to the shortening of our Christmas holidays no trip will be taken then, but it is hoped that a tour of the State will be made between times.

Hoping that the same success has attended all other chapters as has fallen to us, Alpha Rho sends greeting. George Bassett Williams.

South Bethlehem, Pa., October 25, 1896.

ALPHA CHI-PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

The fall term at State College opened Wednesday, September 16th, with a freshman class of ninety-six men, being less by twenty men than last year's entering class. Of the members that composed last year's chapter, one was graduated and another met with business reverses, necessitating his absence from college, thus leaving us six active members. We have settled on five good men among the matriculates whom we expect to introduce in our next letter.

Among the military promotions we are glad to note that Brother

Baumgardner was appointed senior major of the battalion and Brothers Thompson and Montgomery, lieutenants.

Among class officers elected for this year we have the secretary of the class of '97 and vice-president of the class of '98, and in the Athletic association we have the secretary and also a member of the board of auditors: On the foot-ball field Brother Diehl, '98, plays left end.

State is under the necessity of coaching nine new members for the foot-ball eleven. Ex-end rush Newton and ex-captain Knipe of the University of Pennsylvania are undertaking to put in shape our raw material. The following games have been played on our grounds: September 26, Gettysburg o, State 40; October 3, Western U. of P. 4, State 10; October 10, Dickinson o, State 8.

In the faculty of the School of Engineering we are represented by Brothers Lardner, Alpha Lambda, '93, and Dunkle, Alpha Chi, '93, and in the School of Mines by Brother Pond, Alpha Chi, '92.

We have been favored by visits from Brothers Loudon, '96, Dale, Lawyer and Loudon, '00, all of Theta, and from Brothers Dale, '93, and Kiechline, ex-'99, of Alpha Chi.

W. S. Montgomery.

State College, Pa., October 14, 1896.

SECOND PROVINCE.

ZETA-WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The college year at Lexington started out with an unusually small number of students, the number of matriculates thus far numbering only one hundred and sixty-two. Of this number four said "here" when the roll of Sigma Chi was called. We have back with us this year Hamilton and Snyder of last year's chapter, Houston, who was not at college last year, and Brother J. R. Tucker, Jr., of Alpha Omicron.

On account of the small number of matriculates the fraternities have done very little this year, but Sigma Chi has been right "in the push." We have taken in two men and have another pledged. We are glad to introduce Brothers Norman Shrewsbury Fitzhugh of Charleston, W. Va., and G. Benoist Shields of Lexington, Va. We might tell who the brothers "forbears" are, but the reflected glory that we would get therefrom would amount to little. "Honor ascends, not descends," says Confucius. We also might remark that both the brothers were bid by other fraternities, but we will refrain from all such superfluities, and simply remark that they are Sigma Chis.

It doesn't do for any fraternity here to brag too much. We were rather amused in looking over a fraternity magazine to note in an article

on "Fraternity Life at Washington and Lee" that it was next to an unknown thing for its chapter here to lose a man whom they invited to join them. It was amusing in that the chapter bid four men this year and got but one of them.*

Brother Hickman is teaching in Shelbyville, Ky., this winter, but we hope to have him with us next session. Brother Phil Snyder is at the U. S. N. A. at Annapolis, this year. We have had visits from Brothers Morrison of Sigma Sigma and Psi; Roderick P. Fisher, Alpha Kappa, '88; and James R. Jordan, Zeta, '80.

Our foot-ball team is fairly good this year. We beat Miller's team on October 22d by a score of 22 to o. On the following Saturday, October 24th, we had hoped to reach the height of our foot-ball ambition, beating our neighbors, the Virginia Military Institute, but failed, the score being 12-0 against us. We still hope to realize our ambition later in the season. If not, we will have to do as we have been doing in the past, satisfy ourselves with wiping up the earth with them in base ball.

GORDON R. HOUSTON.

Lexington, Va., October 26, 1896.

*Brother Houston ought to take us all into his confidence.—[ED.

TAU-ROANOKE COLLEGE.

Tau opened the session with every reason to be encouraged. Of our last year's ten six returned, viz.: Boogher, Eagle, Logan, Mitchell, Owens and Thompson. Brother Brydon has entered the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va. Brother Meade is at the University of West Virginia. Tau congratulates Mu Mu on having him with her. We miss Bobby's genial countenance, but we hope that he and "The Pope" will decide to drop in and see us occasionally. Brothers Meredith and Page will not be in college this session.

Notwithstanding the financial stringency "Old Roanoke" opened this year with a larger number of students than ever before; there are already one hundred and eighty in college. The personal appearance of the body of students is also much improved.

We were very sorry to learn that the charter of the chapter of Phi Delta Theta, at this place, had been withdrawn during vacation. We can see no reason for this step, as this is certainly one of the most promising years of any in the history of the college.

It is rumored that a number of fellows are petitioning a charter of Alpha Tau Omega. Nothing definite is as yet known. There is certainly room, however, for another good fraternity, and we would extend a most hearty welcome to any new comer of good standing. We are

determined to go very slowly in selecting men. Thus far we have conferred the privileges of our fraternity upon only two men, whom we wish to introduce to the Sigma Chi world. They are Brothers E. Bolling Hubard, Va., and B. R. Reynand, La.

Our loyal brother, Henderson Lee, has been quite ill at his home in Salem. We are glad to announce that he is now improving.

Last month we had the pleasure of a visit from Brothers Munford and Zug, Zeta, '94.

Tau sends loving greeting to all Sigma Chis, and wishes all to know that she has ever an empty bed and a vacant chair for any Sig who may find his way to these parts.

James M. Owens.

Salem, Va., October 14, 1896.

PSI-UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

The session of '96-'97 opened with bright prospects for Psi. We began the year with three old men and five transfers, all determined to make the present session one of the most successful in the history of the chapter. Our first meeting was held in the room of one of the Sigs, but we promptly decided that a hall was needed and set about securing one. The next thing to be done was to see what material there was in college, and as a result of our spiking we initiated four men, whom we take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity at large, as we know them to be worthy and that the honor of Sigma Chi will be safe with them. These initiates are Brothers Martin, Penn, Porter and Silliman. The members of last year's chapter who are back are Griffin, Lyman and Royster; the transfers Brothers Holt (Zeta), Watts (Gamma Gamma), Owsley (Zeta Zeta), Trinkle (Sigma Sigma), Morrison (Sigma Sigma). Our new members are all good fraternity men, and a more congenial crowd than that which gathers in our hall would be hard indeed to find. There are still one or two men among the barbs, who seem to be out of their element, and perhaps another goating will occur before long.

Our members have taken a fine stand in the college world and Sigma Chi has her share of college honors. Brother Royster is assistant at the college dispensary, Brother Lyman is a member of the board of editors of College Topics (our college paper), while Brother Trinkle is manager of the base-ball team for the coming season—the first time in the history of the university that this honor has been conferred upon a new man. On the foot-ball team we are represented by Brothers Martin, Griffin, Watts, and Morrison. The interest of the college world at this time of the session is centered in the eleven and the prospect we have of winning from North Carolina in our annual game at Richmond on

Thanksgiving. Our team is too light to make them feel sure of a victory, but the boys are full of grit and North Carolina will have to play ball if she wins the championship of the South.

The buildings which were destroyed by last year's fire are being restored on a far more handsome scale, and from a material standpoint the fire was a blessing in disguise. However, it would be difficult to make the alumni feel this, for to them every brick of the ruined building breathed memories of happy days.

Psi sends her warmest greetings to her sister chapters, with the earnest hope that Sigs everywhere may make the present session a most successful one.

JAS. MORRISON.

Charlottesville, Va., October 20, 1896.

GAMMA GAMMA—RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

We take great pleasure in presenting to the fraternity at large our sole initiate for this year, Mr. Benjamin Harris Owens of Portsmouth, Va., who became one of our number on the night of October 17th. There was a jolly gathering of old Gamma Gamma men, and the supper which followed the initiation was quite to the queen's taste. We have no apologies to make for the small number of new men. Everyone will realize the decided scarcity of genuine fraternity material in the freshman class of a school of Randolph-Macon's size. Two of last year's chapter—Southall and Licklider—are back this session. With the new member we are a pleasant trio. The rest of the chapter of '95-'96 is a good deal scattered. Fletcher and Christian are at Johns-Hopkins University, finishing their medical course; Watts has gone to Psi, at the University of Virginia; Drewry is professor of English and Greek in Centenary College, Missouri; Mullen is head of a large school in Southern Virginia; and Daune is at home.

The college is well under way on what promises to be a very successful session. The scientific departments especially are crowded, and a number of degree men have returned for special courses in chemistry and biology. Randolph-Macon claims to lead the South in the latter two subjects. Certainly our facilities and the character of work done are quite up to date.

The athletic association has completed its organization for the year. The foot-ball team is in hard training and a number of games have been scheduled. The first is with Hampden-Sidney on October 26th, in Farmville. Next season's base-ball team is already discussed, and tennis has quite as many devotees as usual. The social element has had ample opportunity for a gay time this session. The number of

dances, weddings and other functions has been phenomenal. The chapter has been represented on all occasions.

The chapter has much enjoyed visits this year from Grand Prætor Christian and Brothers Mullen, Daune and Bennett.

Greetings to all chapters in Sigma Chi. A. H. LICKLIDER. Ashland, Va., October 22, 1896.

SIGMA SIGMA-HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE.

Hampden-Sidney opened the latter part of September with a large increase in the number of students, but Sigma Sigma was so unfortunate as to have only two old men return. We went to work with great zeal, and as the result of hard work we have the pleasure of introducing three new brothers, Messrs. David Todd Stuart of Mobile, Ala.; Edward Beverly Herndon, Jr., Shreveport, La.; and Thomas Hamilton Wyly, Atlanta, Ga. All of these are fine men, and we think that they will be a credit to our fraternity.

It is a great pleasure to have with us Brother George H. Denny, who is the newly-elected professor of Latin. He is already one of the most popular of our professors, notwithstanding the fact that every man has to work while in his lecture room. He takes a great interest in athletics and has done our foot-ball team a great amount of good. We expect to have the best eleven on the gridiron that we have ever had. Sigma Sigma is represented thereon by Brother Stuart, who is quarter-back, and the writer, who is manager. We have games scheduled with some of the best teams in Virginia and hope to have great success.

Brother Trinkle paid us a visit at the opening of the session. He is now at the University of Virginia taking law. We were glad to see that he was elected manager of the base-ball team.

Although our number this year is small, we think that we are unsurpassed in quality and will do all that is in our power to uphold Sigma Chi.

S. M. MASON.

Hampden-Sidney, Va., October 10, 1896.

THIRD PROVINCE.

ALPHA-MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

Miami has opened her seventy-third year with an enrollment fully equal that of last year and with far brighter prospects than ever before. Our new \$25,000 gymnasium is almost completed and we hope to get into it by December 1st. It will be the finest college gymnasium in the state and will greatly aid in the work of sending out winning teams.

The only new man in the faculty this year is Prof. A. W. James, Ph. D., of Munich, who comes to fill the chair of modern languages.

The only topic of conversation among the students at present is the chance of having another winning foot-ball team. Our team this year is light, but well trained, and we hope will equal the record of our last year's "Champion" team. We have already met and defeated University of Cincinnati, 6-4; Dayton Athletic Club, 10-0, and Earlham College, 26-0. Brother Garrett at right end is our only representative on the team, though two of our pledges are substitutes.

Alpha opened this fall with only nine men back out of the twenty of last year's chapter. The freshmen class numbers over fifty men, but there is a great dearth of good fraternity material. We have already initiated Earl H. Watt, '97, of Chillicothe, O., and have five fine men pledged.

We are now comfortably settled in our new chapter house on East street, facing the campus. Here in our own home we will be glad to extend a welcoming hand to any visiting Sigma Chi. We have a piano, and with this and our Sig quartette, consisting of Garrett, Fowler, Mortland and Sullenberger, we will try to entertain you and make your stay a pleasant one. We are still on top at Miami and the honors we hold are many. Out of three undergraduate members of the board of control of the Athletic Association, which governs all athletic matters in the 'varsity, we have two men, Fowler and Watt, they being also president and treasurer of the Association. Brother Sullenberger is secretary of the Oratorical Association. Brother Fowler is vicepresident of the senior class. Brothers McClintock and Mortland are respectively manager and captain of the base-ball team for next spring. Watt is president of the Ohio Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association and also of the Erodelphian Literary Society, of which Brother Beck is secretary. Brother Garrett is business manager of the Miami Student, of which Brother McClintock is an associate editor. Brother Fowler's latest production, the "Miami University March," has just appeared and has already made a decided hit. It bids fair to bring both fame and money to the composer.*

At our initiation on September 26 we were assisted by Brothers Malcom McAvoy, '97, and George D. Harper, '91, both of Zeta Psi. Brothers Nutt, Robinson, Hitch, McMillan, Hunt, Stabler, Egan, Fenton and Salmon, all of Alpha, have paid us pleasant visits this fall. Brothers Egan and Fenton are in the Law Department of the University of Michigan and the former has just been chosen first vice-president of the freshmen class, numbering over 550 members. Brothers Hitch and

Salmon are in the Law Department of the University of Cincinnati and will affiliate with Zeta Psi.

We wish to extend hearty thanks to the members of Zeta Psi for the kindness with which they treated all the Miami "Sigs" who went down to the foot-ball game with Cincinnati, October 2d. Such kindness and courtesies make us feel that the tie between Sigs is truly a fraternal one. In closing we send best wishes for a successful year to each of our sister chapters and the right hand of fellowship to each and every one of our new brothers.

WM. M. FOWLER.

Oxford, Ohio, October 26, 1896.

* Has Brother Fowler done anything for the Sigma Chi Song Book?

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GAMMA-OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Gamma is not asleep. She has been hustling. The fall term finds her snugly quartered in her newly furnished rooms. She wishes to introduce to Sigma Chi her new brothers, Lester Donnigan, '97, Galena, Ohio; John Chase, '98, Bucksport, Me., and H. A. Cosler, '97, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and as pledged men Herbert Breyfogle, Delaware, Ohio; E. R. Smith and G. S. Runyan, Mansfield, Ohio. In athletics the "White Cross" is defended nobly. Brother Brockway represents us as president of the Athletic Association. Brother Coe has won laurels at right half-back, while the scribe holds down the position of captain of the team. The improvements upon our campus and the new library building have contributed to imbue the students with intensity of college spirit. This was demonstrated at our first foot-ball game, when we defeated Case School of Applied Science with a score of 10 to 0.

Our president, Dr. Bashford, is at present traveling abroad, his health having failed him last term. Dr. Williams, Professor of Greek, is acting as dean in his absence. The regular junior election took place last Wednesday. The object of the election was to elect a corps to edit the College Annual. The election was hotly contested. Disfranchisements were numerous and some feeling was manifested. When the din of battle ceased and the smoke of the mighty cannonading rolled away it was found that the choicest of the spoils were in the hands of Gamma. The most important position, that of business manager, had been assigned to Brother Gurley by an overwhelming majority. The next place, that of associate editor, fell to the lot of Brother Coe. The jealous eye of many is now directed upon Gamma's future, which is brighter than ever before.

We take great pleasure in announcing the visits of Brothers Barna-

bas Burns, '83; E. H. Allen, '96; H. J. Crawford, '96; G. C. Crawford, ex-'98; Harry L. Bowers, ex-'96; W. F. Patterson, ex-'97. Nothing strengthens the fraternity spirit of Gamma more than the visits or letters from those brothers who have struggled to raise the "White Cross" to where it ought to stand, in the van of college life. Gamma stands to-day the leading fraternity among the eight in the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Gamma sends best wishes and fraternal greetings to her sister chapters.

H. A. Cosler.

Delaware, Ohio, October 24, 1896.

MU-DENISON UNIVERSITY.

The university has opened with renewed vigor and everything indicates a successful and pleasant year. Each department is well filled and new ones have been added. Mu, as usual, is alive and participates in every undertaking projected. All the boys returned early and the first few days and nights of our reunion were joyous times. Although we lost Brothers Baldwin and Hutson by graduation last spring, we are fortunate in having them in the village and their familiar forms often swell the old circle.

Last summer the trustees of Denison University elected Brother Baldwin to the chair of Greek in Doane Academy. This is a just recognition of our brother's high scholarship. Brother Hutson has also fared well. He was chosen as instructor of Latin and Greek in the village high school and is gaining a reputation in his work.

Brother Herbert Jones, '99, is the only one of our active members who is not with us. He returned in the fall, but soon left for O. S. U., where he expects to take a course in electrical engineering. His genial companionship will be greatly missed by all of us. Last year we had four men spiked ready for this fall. In September they bravely met the goat and never showed the "stripe o' yellow." We now take great pleasure in introducing to the Sigma Chi world Messrs. Worth Brown, Dayton; Ralph Struble, Fredericktown; Howard Lewis, Toledo; and Hubert Sample, Granville, all freshmen. So far we have done no rushing. We have pledged John Harmon, of Warren, Ohio.

In athletics Sigs, as usual, are at the front. Canby is manager of the foot-ball team, Wiltsee is captain and left half and Massie plays in the line. Our team is doing hard work and expects to gather in a fair share of honors this fall.

Brother Colby was recently elected vice-president of the Y. M. C. A. Socially the schools have been quite gay. At every gathering Sigma

Chi has been well represented. Early in September Brothers A. E. De Armond, '95, and A. A. Thresher, '91, made us short visits and helped Mu along in her work.

With best wishes for a successful year to all sister chapters, we bid godspeed.

HARRY W. AMOS.

Granville, Ohio, October 21, 1896.

ZETA PSI-UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

We start out this new year few in numbers, but strong in hope and courage. We mean to continue upholding our fraternity in the first place in our college and to do good work for the sake of the White Cross and ourselves. Our chapter has always been foremost and strongest and we shall do our best to gain for her new laurels.

There are ten of us now, four of whom we took in on the night of October 9th. Brother Reynolds, '97, represents us in the Mandolin Club as leader. Brother McAvoy, '97, is the manager of the Glee Club, of which Brother Ratliffe, '99, is a member, and for which Brothers Shinkle, '00, Wilson, '00, and Stuart, '00, are trying. Brother Shinkle is on the foot-ball team and Brother Hayward, '99, is on the staff of the McMicken Review.

Our rooms are the same we occupied last year, the Cook homestead, on Clifton avenue, a few hundred yards from the 'varsity. There we rally often, and, usually assisted by some of our alumni brethren, have good old Sigma Chi times.

On the night of October 9th we initiated four men whom we deemed worthy of Sigma Chi honors. Their names are: A. Clifford Shinkle, 'oo, of Covington, Ky.; Russell Wilson, 'oo, of Cincinnati; C. E. Stuart, 'oo, of Cincinnati, and Joseph Ratliffe, 'oo, of Dayton, Ohio. May they ever prove loyal and true to the obligations they have taken upon them and may they always be an honor in words and in actions to their fraternity.

Philip Hayward.

Cincinnati, Ohio, October 24, 1896.

LAMBDA LAMBDA-KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE.

Again we are permitted the pleasure of extending a cordial greeting to our sister chapters. Lambda Lambda opened the year with seven members, but our "billy boy" is a very progressive fellow, and as an evidence of his assiduity we wish to introduce Messrs. Roydon H. Maddocks, '99, Carrollton, Ky.; Benjamin Bosworth, '98, Lexington, Ky.; and Earnest Lyle, '00, Lexington, Ky. These brothers are all three "catches," having been "rushed" for some time by the other

"frats." We have yet several "strings out" which we hope in due time "to draw" and give the three new members an opportunity of appeasing their appetite for blood. Brothers Geo. H. Whitney, Zeta, '78, and Harry Brent, Lambda Lambda, '93, were present during the initiation and added much to the pleasure of the evening. "By the way," these are our banner alumni. Brother Whitney is a living evidence of the lasting interest the "Sigs" take in the fraternity. Having been out of college since '78, he is yet as good a "Sig" as one cares to meet. We are highly indebted to him for a complete set of robes and other substantial assistance. Brother Brent added much to our enthusiasm and started us on what appears to be a most successful year. We give him up very reluctantly to the "Eastern Sigs," but feel confident that he will not forget the little band in the "Blue grass region."

Lexington, Ky., October 23, 1896.

MU MU-WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

At the beginning of another college year Mu Mu sends greetings from the little mountain state to all her sister chapters. Mu Mu on assembling this fall found several vacant places in her ranks. One member, Mr. John Wallace, of Wheeling, W. Va., failed to come back, having assumed reportorial duties on the Wheeling Intelligencer. Six of our members went forth as graduates from this institution last year: Rader, a civil engineer, located in Chicago; F. W. Haught, a teacher in the M. E. Seminary, Buckhanon, W. Va.; Justin M. Kunkle, local editor on the New Dominion, a paper published in this town; Rev. Jas. Sheerin, pastor of the Episcopal Church of this town; Geo. M. Ford, principal of public schools of Benwood, W. Va., and G. L. Bambrick, an attorney at law at New Cumberland, W. Va. Last year we, as a chapter, felt that we were one of the babies of Sigma Chi; but we are now in our second year and we feel strong. Yea, we feel that we leaped from the arms of Sigma Chi almost full grown and surpassed our fellow Greeks even in a single year. Brother Yost, one of our members, has left us for the present and will perhaps be a guest of Alpha Chi ere he returns. He is playing on the foot-ball team of Lafayette College for this season and will return after it is over.

Our school is larger this year than it has ever been before and our foot-ball team is keeping pace with it. We will meet several of the larger teams this year, notably Princeton, University of Virginia, University of Cincinnati and others. Our only victim so far this year in fraternity is Mr. Ben Shuttlesworth.

With best wishes for all our sister chapters. L. D. ARNETT. Morgantown, W. Va., October 23, 1896.

ALPHA GAMMA-OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Gamma has once more taken up the work in behalf of Sigma Chi at O. S. U. and bids fair to outrun all her previous efforts in that direction. Never have her prospects looked brighter, never has she been more favored than this year.

At the beginning of the year Brothers Theobald, McGrew, Stover and Westwater had returned. They were soon augmented by the addition of Brother Barriere (?), Beta, and Brother Jones, Mu. Fortune has already favored the chapter and in this letter we introduce Messrs. D. W. McDonald, of Wellsville, Ohio, and Paul Hardy, of Columbus, Ohio. Both are typical Sigs (true "blue" in the "gold" standard) and are already earnestly at work for the advancement of Sigma Chi.

The chapter has just recently fitted out her old hall with new furniture and other "accessories" and is now looking forward with delightful anticipation to many a pleasant evening in her new home.

Foot-ball is the all-absorbing topic here in an athletic way and the team has already commenced to measure its powers on the gridiron. Brothers Jones and Westwater are the left guard and left tackle, respectively, and are covering themselves with glory.

The attendance at the O. S. U. this year has already reached the one thousand mark and is still on the increase. The number of fraternities here is seventeen, so it can readily be seen that competition for desirable men is very sharp. Since our letter last year the Tri Delta Sorority, the fifth ladies' society, has entered the lists.

Alpha Gamma is anxiously looking forward to her annual banquet to be held November 25th, at which time the alumni will gather around the festive board to renew friendships once more and extend the glad hand of fellowship to their new brethren.

With greeting to Xi Xi and good will to all.

Columbus, Ohio, October 24, 1896.

D. M. McDonald (per E.).

FOURTH PROVINCE.

XI-DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

School opened with a boom and a rush of new students, which was a great encouragement to fraternity men. For the past two years De Pauw has been in an uncertain financial condition, and has been supported by only a meager attendance. All fraternities, Sigma Chi among

the rest, have found very little available material in the lower classes. The influx of a good deal of desirable material this year has wrought quite a change. Xi is in excellent condition and spirits. The chapter now consists of fifteen active men, of whom five are newly initiated. They are Peter Studebaker of South Bend, Eddie Morgan, Fred Cole and Arthur Peterson, of Chesterton, and Elvin Carter of Danville.

Brother Ballard, formerly of Xi, is in the city doing some special work, and meets with us. Brother E. V. Williamson, formerly of Gamma, is also in the institution and actively connected with the chapter. Brother Woods, '96, is doing post-graduate work, but cannot be with us at regular meetings. Brother Rogers, '97, has resumed work after an absence of one year. Brothers Ader, Overstreet, Starr and other alumni in urbe extend us much valuable aid.

We acknowledge visits from the following: Brothers Applewhite, Keeny, Wilson and Robertson, all of Lambda; Calvert, Xi, '93, of Indianapolis; Bennett, Xi, '91; Morgan, Delta Chi, '93, of Crawfords-ville.

N. Giotto Rogers.

Greencastle, Ind., October 23, 1896.

RHO-BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

The forty-second session of Butler was formally opened on the 29th of September last. We feel that our future is assured, as we are now the department of liberal arts of the University of Indianapolis. The U. of I. is a combination—Butler, Indiana Law School, and the Medical and Dental Colleges of Indianapolis. This combination gives us the right to choose athletes from all four colleges, by which we expect to put some strong athletic teams in the field in the future.

Among the crowds that appeared about the halls and doors when school opened there were only three Sigma Chis to be found, but working with the zeal that characterizes the followers of the White Cross. As a result of our labors we have succeeded in rescuing from the barbarian ranks Messrs. Walter Butler, '00, Charles B. Cooper, '00, and Ned S. Powell, '01, general all-around good fellows, who will lend honor to Sigma Chi.

Last year we lost four men—Yoke, '96, Dalton, '96, and Strong, who are now in Harvard, and John S. Butler, who is now engaged in the coffee business in Honduras, C. A. Since our last letter we have initiated, in addition to the above named, Clint S. Wallace and Dave H. Cale of Indianapolis, whom we take pleasure in introducing. Our alumni are backing us to the limit, and we are looking forward to

a prosperous year. In conclusion Rho wishes to extend her most cordial greetings to all chapters of Sigma Chi.

Dave H. Cale.

Irvington, Ind., October 12, 1896.

CHI-HANOVER COLLEGE.

The opening of this college year finds Hanover with the smallest attendance of many years past. With our new gymnasium, which is one of the best equipped in the State, and our new science hall we had expected an increase over the number of last year, but the loss of old students outnumbered the gain of new ones. All of the frats suffered the loss of some of their last year's members, but none like Sigma Chi. Last year Chi's roll numbered eleven active members, eight of whom are not with us this year. Of the eleven, Brothers Tom Graham, Harris and Rundle were graduated; Brother Applewhite went to Indiana University; Brother Ream remained at home, as he has never fully recovered from his sickness; Brother Brown accepted a position in Madison; Brother Totten is attending the Ohio Medical College, and Brother Gibson is studying pharmacy at Purdue. Brother Applewhite has affiliated with Lambda and Brother Gibson with Delta Delta. We have lost two good men in them, but our loss is our sister chapters' gain.

Prof. Keil's (Chi ex-'74) two boys, who were pledged to us last year and whom we would have initiated this year, are not in college, owing to recent attacks of malaria fever. However, they are Sigs at heart. and will some day do honor to Chi chapter. These losses cut our number down to three men, Brothers Britan, Banta and the writer, who went to work with all our might. Although there was not an abundance of fraternity material among the new boys, we succeeded in getting our share. Owing to our small number we were at a great disadvantage in spiking, but by our earnest efforts and the aid of Brothers Harris, Ream and Totten, who were with us through the spiking season, we are able to introduce to the general fraternity Messrs. Edward Heuse of Madison, Ind., and A. T. Schleich of Amanda, Ohio, both of whom are members of the freshman class. They are fine fellows and will make A No. 1 Sigs, as they are already quite enthusiastic in the work of our chapter. Although we are small in numbers we are determined to stand by Chi's old motto, "Quality before quantity." Several of the frats here in the past few years, owing to the small attendance at college, have taken men of an entirely different stripe from themselves simply to fill up, and uncongeniality followed. We propose to profit by their mistakes. One thing of which Chi can boast is that congeniality may always be found in her ranks.

Foot-ball at present is all the go here. The enthusiasm is manifested by the great number of candidates for positions on the team and by the crowds of spectators which collect every afternoon to watch the practice work of the team. Brother Britan, who played center on the last year's team, is prevented from taking the team practice this year by extra college work, and so Sigma Chi is represented on the team by only one man. The writer has the pleasure of tackling everything that comes around the left end. A well-played game between our team and that of the Madison Athletic Club took place at Madison Friday, October 12th. Although it was a Madison victory, it was surely an exhibition. Our team was much lighter than theirs, and showed great skill in holding them down to a small score. Sigma Chi was, as usual, at the game in full force. Hill's wagonette, decorated in "blue and gold" and flying our new Sig flag, looked well loaded with Sigs and their loyal lady sympathizers. Our yell as we drove through Madison brought many a Sig business-man to his door with smiles for his young brothers and their lady friends. We have engagements to play teams from Madison High School, Seymour, Franklin College, and Manual Training School of Louisville.

Brother Binnie Morse, Chi, '81, spent several weeks in Hanover in June, and that meant many a pleasant evening for the boys at the chapter house. We also enjoyed visits during the past month from Brothers Frank Crozier and Harvey Montgomery, and again extend an invitation to all Sigs to come visit us in our Sigma Chi home.

God be with you all till we write again.

HARRY GRAHAM.

Hanover, Ind., October 26, 1896.

DELTA DELTA-PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Last spring graduation took from Delta Delta's ranks seven as sturdy and loyal Sigs as wear the dear old White Cross, and it was with much sorrow that we gave them up. The brothers who returned are Alling, '97; Gebhart, '97; Valentine, '98; Fernald, '98; Barnes, '99; Morris, 99, and Crozier, '96, who is taking a post-graduate course.

This was the lightest "rush" line with which we ever opened the season, consequently it is not unnatural that we were a little apprehensive of our ability to cope with the heavier "teams" of the other frats. However, the first "scrimmage" showed that, as of old, Sig strength could not be measured by quantitative analysis. Then Brother Badet, '99, returned to us after a pleasant summer spent abroad. Brother Wyllie, '97, and Brother Roe, '96, also swelled the roll, the latter returning for post-graduate work to keep Brother Crozier from feeling

lonesome. Brother Gibson, Chi, '99, turned up unexpectedly, entering the junior pharmacy class and affiliating at once. He is a fine fellow, and it is with great pleasure that we receive him from Chi. The local and some of the non-resident alumni also showed up in good old Sigma Chi style during the rushes. As a result of our hustling, the blue and gold was soon pinned on eight fine men.

Early in October we had an initiation, and the goat and loyal alumni present spared alive the following new brothers, whom we present with pride to the fraternity, viz.: M. W. Earhart, '98, of Lafayette; Mark W. McGaffey, '98, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Hugh Bryan, '98, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Brent A. Tozzer, '99, of Fern Bank, Ohio, and B. C. Gilman, '99, of Ottumwa, Ill. After the orgies were over we had the usual banquet in honor of the new brothers. The toastmaster concluded the event by calling for a straw-ballot for the presidency of the republic, and the vote was unanimous for Levering.

Morris R. Evans of Fort Wayne, Ind., R. C. Rickly of Ottumwa, Ia., and Charles F. Flynn of Oak Park, Ill., are three promising freshmen whom we have pledged. Of course the other frats rushed these men and the new brothers hard, but, as has always been the case, their efforts were unavailing.

Although we have had such success in getting new men we are not reclining on our honors, but still have a weather eye peeled for good Sig material, and hope to land several more good men before the close of the session.

Contrary to expectation and the fate of most Eastern colleges, Purdue has a larger enrollment this year than ever before, and it is believed that the number of students will reach seven hundred or more. The faculty is stronger by five than last year, and the 'varsity is building up in all departments. From these indications we surmise that Delta will not lack for material for years to come.

Our foot-ball team is much lighter than last year, when we held second place in the Northwest, but it is pluck to the backbone. The following games have been played: Purdue 34, Greer College o (one short half only was played); Purdue 32, Rush Medical 4; Purdue o, Minnesota 14; Purdue o, Michigan 16. The scores in the last two games indicate by no means the closeness of the contests, our defeat in both cases being due to the superior weights of the opposing team and not from inferior playing or lack of pluck. The members of the opposing teams admit that, until the last few minutes of the game, they were in doubt as to the result.

We again gratified the hearts of our lady friends by securing the

magnificent Columbian coach, which we had last season, for the football season. The coach is a prominent feature at all the games, and the Sigs show that they can root a little. We extend a hearty invitation to all Sigs who can come to the Thanksgiving game with Illinois to witness it from our coach.

It is with regret that we mention the departure from our ranks of Brother M. Chester Morris, who left us to accept a position with the Big Four in Indianapolis.

For fear of taking up too much space we will defer, until next time, mention of our college honors and the success our '96 alumni are having in their battle with the world.

We have received flying visits from Brothers M. B. Binford, Delta Chi, '89; Carr, Alpha Pi, who was on the Ann Arbor team, and John C. Goodwin, Delta Delta, '91.

Delta Delta extends to her sister chapters—particularly Phi Phi and Xi Xi—a most fraternal greeting and the very best wishes for the coming college year.

B. G. FERNALD.

Lafayette, Ind., October 26, 1896.

FIFTH PROVINCE.

OMEGA-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

If there be one fraternity at Northwestern that has had things come its way this year it is Sigma Chi. Seven new initiates, two pledged men and more coming. One Saturday night not long ago seven new men were initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Chi. Incidentally they learned of the joys to be had in riding razor-backed bronchos and of the amount of energy stored up in a real live goat.

The new Sigs are: Howard P. Wells, Frank A. Bennett, Chester C. Sloan, Fred R. Wing, Percy C. Pickrell, George W. Seiberling, and Lorin C. Collins, third. The pledged men are Walter Cummock and Stephen B. Rawlins. All are fine fellows and typical Sigs. With eight of the old members this makes the chapter fifteen strong. We are represented upon the musical clubs by Brothers McGrew and Barnard; on the eleven, which, by the way, is the strongest team Northwestern ever had, by Brothers Van Doozer (captain) and Sloan. Omega cannot get over congratulating herself over her new chapter-house, which is now comfortably furnished. It adds greatly to our strength in every way and is just the place to give parties. Early in October we gave a dancing party at McCorrell's Hall and on Hallowe'en night we gave a party at the house. The only lights were jack-o'-lanterns, which

gave a weird and ghostly effect. After chasing delusive apples through tubs of water, eating pumpkin pies and drinking cider we wound up with dancing. The party was voted a grand success by every one.

In closing Omega wishes godspeed to her sister chapters, hoping that they may have been as fortunate as she.

Evanston, Ill., November 6, 1896. CARLETON H. PENDLETON.

KAPPA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The university has opened with a slight increase in attendance. The prospects of Kappa Kappa are indeed very bright. There seems to be only one thing that is just beyond our reach, and it is that most coveted and most wished for object, to-wit: a chapter house. It is true that we now have twelve of our fellows rooming in one house, but that only heightens the desire for a house of our own. Twelve members of our chapter have returned to college, and to this number we add Brother Howard C. Means of Alpha Iota, who came to us with the opening of the university. He is a "corking" good fellow and one of whom any chapter might feel justly proud. In addition to these we have added Charles Edward Keener, '99, of Chicago; Samuel Scott Joy, '00, of Princeton; Charles Sunderland Johnson, 'oo, of Champaign; and Paul Frederick Augustus Rudnick, 'oo, of Chicago. And "there are others" who will follow later. In social life Kappa Kappa stands, as usual, head and shoulders above anything in college. We have had one "swell" party, a coon hunt and several "house warmings" and "smokers." Our representation on the foot-ball team this fall is likely to be a minus quantity. Brothers Hotchkiss and Kiler, of last year's team, have not as yet put on the moleskin. The team should, however, make a good showing, as it is under the direction of Huff of Dartmouth, last year's coach. He is assisted by Randall, also of Dartmouth, and Fairchild of Harvard. A good schedule has been arranged. As last year, on Thanksgiving we play Purdue at LaFayette, Ind., and this is the time when we want her scalp. Brother W. A. Heath, '83, has been re-elected treasurer of the athletic association by the athletic advisory board. We are well represented on the musical clubs of the university, having Brother Dixon, '99, on the glee club and in the band and Brother Keener, '99, on the mandolin club. The leader, Mr. Horace Porter, is pledged, but on account of sickness could not be "swung" this term.

At our initiation, which occurred October 3d, we had present, besides our own active chapter and resident alumni, Brothers Fredrickson, '94, of Chicago; Schreuder, '92, Alpa Phi, of Boston, and Whiffen, Gerhart, and Light of Alpha Iota.

Kappa Kappa wishes all a successful and prosperous year and would be only too glad to welcome representatives from every chapter, and "if you can't come, write."

JOSEPH HUNTER MARSHUTZ.

Champaign, Ill., October 12, 1896.

XI XI-MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

Through this, our first letter, Xi Xi seeks recognition. This we know, and a hearty welcome, such as is given all true Sigma Chis, will be tendered. We began our career on the 26th day of September and were ushered into the mysteries and beauties of the grand and noble order by such men as Gen. Runkle, whom to know is to honor and love; Grand Annotator Miller, whom the boys met during his visit to Columbia last semester, and whom all Xi Xi boys will ever remember with gratitude, for it was in a great measure due to him that we ever became Sigma Chis; and Grand Praetor Arms, whom we rejoice to call the chief of our province. If these men are types of men Sigma Chi calls everywhere her own, we rejoice and are more than pleased to see our names on the roster of Sigma Chi.

Our university opened this year under what appeared to be adverse circumstances. On the days set for entrance examinations of new students few appeared. This was contrary to the hopes and expectations of all, for arrangements had been made for the largest attendance in the history of the university. But a few days later the old students began to arrive and soon the halls and corridors were thronging with familiar faces, and within a few days it was announced that our enrollment had surpassed that of last year and at present our prospects are brighter than ever before.

In the light of all this prosperity the future of our chapter augurs well; and to prove to our brothers that we have not been idle during our short life, we wish to introduce to the brotherhood a new Sig, Brother Karl Kimmel of Leavenworth, Kas., who became familiar with the antics of William at our last meeting, October 10th. We also have two promising freshmen pledged and will put them through at our next meeting. All the fraternities have given us the "glad hand," and Phi Delta Theta is especially pleased to welcome the third member of the great Miami Triod, viz.: Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, and Sigma Chi. Our foot-ball team this year promises to rival the record of the famous Tigers of '95. Although having been defeated in their first game with Ames College, it was before they had been in training a week, and in their second game, a week later, with Torkio College of Torkio, Mo., they rolled up the gigantic total of 72-0. The Tigers play

Illinois University in St. Louis, Saturday, 17th, and the result is anxiously awaited by all friends of the university. Two big league games are to be played in Columbia, viz., Nebraska and Iowa universities.

Xi Xi for the first time sends greetings to her sister chapters and promises to labor with might and zeal for the advancement of the great White Cross.

J. D. Rippey.

Columbia, Mo., October 17, 1896.

ALPHA ZETA-BELOIT COLLEGE.

Again Alpha Zeta extends her greetings to the sister chapters, with the hope that the outlook for the year may be as bright to all as it is to her. This year opened with our chapter in a peculiar position. Three years ago we lost our men from the class of '97 through their leaving school, and as we saw no one in that class whom we thought worthy, we were left this year without any seniors. We are fortunate, however, in having with us Brother J. A. White, '96, who is taking graduate work in chemistry and is also assisting the professor of that department. Our members are divided as follows: One graduate member, eight from '98 and four from '99. And as we all pull together and attend strictly to business, we find that our stock, so to speak, is still "above par."

As to initiations, we have had one this fall, and we are glad to introduce Brother Arthur H. Warner, '98, of Washington, D. C. Brother Warner entered this year's junior class, coming here from Ann Arbor, and we at once decided he was a man we wanted.

The regular freshmen initiations will not occur till the first of next term, on account of the decision of the faculty not to have matriculation until that time. When the time comes, however, we hope to have Billy in condition to carry five "double naughts" through the gates to the lower world. It is possible that we may have another initiate even before that time, for we have just pledged a member of the class of '99, a rattling good man. He is uncertain whether he will be able to join us before next term or not. We will report on his case in our next letter.

As usual, Sigma Chi is represented in each department of college life. On the *Round Table* board is Brother Moore, '98, as literary editor, and Brother Whitney, of the same class, as local editor. On the football team we have Brothers Hinchley, Riggs and Whitney, all of '98. Brother Hinchley is captain and plays full-back, Brother Riggs is at present at right tackle, and Brother Whitney is a substitute "back." Brother Moore, '98, is the business manager of the second team.

Socially we are upholding the reputation of Sigma Chi. We have not had many parties, but those we have had have been first class.

Most of our attention in this line has been given to stag affairs—"rushing bees" perhaps they might be called.

We in this chapter, together with the rest of the school, feel greatly our loss in the death of Dr. Blaisdell, our well known professor of ethics and philosophy. His place is one which will be hard to fill.

We as a college hope to give a good account of ourselves this fall by means of our foot-ball team. Our prospects are good, and under Dr. Hollister's coaching we hope to be able to at least make things interesting for our opponents. We Sigs on the team were very glad of the opportunity to meet some of the brothers of Omega, and we look forward with great interest to meeting the boys of Alpha Lambda and Alpha Sigma.

If any Sigs should happen to come to Beloit, don't forget to come and see us. We'll try to make things pleasant for you.

Beloit, Wis., October 24, 1896.

THEODORE F. RIGGS.

ALPHA IOTA—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Iota sends greetings to other chapters and has nothing but good to say of herself. No new members have been taken in since the last letter, owing to a rule of the university which requires an attendance of one term in the college department for eligibility. This rule reacts to our benefit, since it gives us none but permanent men and good students. Our prospects this year are very bright. At present we number eight and our boys are conceded to be the pick of the school. We are making arrangements to secure quarters in the finest business and office block in the city. The desirable new men have been sifted out and are being "coached" hard.

Our men are holding all the principal places in oratorical and athletic associations. In fact, although our rivals make desperate efforts to undermine us, we have just what we want, and know it is because the independents recognize the superiority of our men. We expect to add five or six very valuable boys at the end of the term, and then the Sigs will be the only ones in it at the Wesleyan. Our prospects are so flattering that we hope to have one of the strongest chapters in the province.

Alpha Iota had expected to occupy a chapter house this year, but our membership is so largely located in the city that we could not make such a plan carry. Our rivals are about equal to us in numbers, but do not seem to be doing much aggressive work. So far this year we have not had a social function. Rallies and political uproar infringing on time are taking the attention from other things, but before the year is over we will be able to look back with a happy regret on many a happy

event given by Alpha Iota. With a "long live Sigm aChi" and a wish that all our chapters may have a prosperous year. JNO. B. COLWELL. Bloomington, Ill., October 24, 1896.

ALPHA PI-ALBION COLLEGE.

Alpha Pi sends greeting to Sigs everywhere and wishes all the same success that she is having. Owing to the graduation of ten men last June and the failure of three others to return, Alpha Pi began the year with the smallest chapter since her establishment; but as the Tribune grasped the hands of Brothers Pearce, Niles, Kendrick, Perine and Shipp, and saw the look of determination on their faces, he knew that Alpha Pi was sure to remain "on top." We were accustomed to speak of our charter members as the "Immortal Sigs," and upon assembling this year we agreed that we would earn the title "Immortal Six" for ourselves, so we hoisted the Sigma Chi banner above our lodge, raised aloft the "White Cross," and marched on to victory. Before the second week had passed Alpha Pi's roll had increased to ten and we have since pledged two others who will soon be initiated. The new brothers upon whose breasts we have placed our sacred emblem are Messrs. Neil Hamblen of Detroit; Arthur E. McClintock of Saginaw; Lewis E. Kirby of Kalamazoo; and W. J. Beazan of Mason.

Albion College opened this term with indications of a prosperous and successful year, although the enrollment did not reach that of last year. Our weekly, the *Albion College Pleiad*, of which Brother Hagle, '88, is alumni editor, has started out well under the management of Brother Niles. The college band has reorganized, with Brother Kendrick as president.

The foot-ball eleven is being coached by Brother T. J. Shipp, '96, but it is as yet too early to speak of its victories. Brother Hamblen is playing quarter and Brother W. S. Shipp right half. In tennis Brother Fred. Perine is running everything and is gaining more than a local reputation as a skilled player.

Much enthusiasm in regard to the building of lodges is being shown by the ladies. Last fall the Alpha Phi sorority built a lodge, which has been mentioned before, and this fall we were much pleased to see, just west of our lodge, a handsome new lodge being erected, a result of the loyalty and zeal of the ladies of Delta Gamma.

Alpha Pi's alumni residing in Albion is increasing, and at present we have in the city Prof. D. B. Waldo, '87; Prof. Smith Burnham, '92; A. E. Hagle, '88; Ernest Burnham, '96; R. E. Perine, '96; George E. Dean, '96.

Owing to the generous attention given to Alpha Pi in the July Quarterly we will now bid all Sigs godspeed and close.

Albion, Mich., October 24, 1896.

FRANK ROUDENBUSH.

SIXTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The university opened September 22d with an enrollment of some 1,400 students, and under the excellent management of our new chancellor, Dr. George E. MacLean, LL.D., we are rapidly assuming a position of unchallenged precedence among the American universities.

The prospects for foot-ball were rather disheartening at the beginning of the year, as misfortune prevented captain Jones and other strong men from returning, but hard work on the part of coach Robinson has overcome such difficulties and we now have an exceedingly strong team. Our old enemy Doane proved our first victim on the 17th inst. to the tune of 20-0, in which game Brother Packard played magnificently at full-back.

Fraternity material has been scarce this year and we are sorry to have no new Sigs to introduce, but at no time in the history of Alpha Epsilon has our chapter entered the college year with brighter prospects for a successful campaign and year's work. Although we lost three men last year, Brothers John W. Dixon and Charles C. Pulis by graduation and Brother E. F. King, our active chapter now numbers thirteen, which gives us a very strong chapter. This may be considered as a reason why we have felt no hurry to initiate new men. Those who answered to the roll-call at the first meeting were: David W. Hawksworth, Ralph C. Saxton, Claire C. Young, Harry W. Donbrava, Lawrence R. Packard, Bertrand S. Langworthy, George Burgert, Jr., Arthur A. Bischof, Vilas P. Sheldon, C. B. Cosgrove, James Edmond Fechet, Paul W. Fitzgerald and John Fitzgerald.

We have given up our old halls and it is with great pride that Alpha Epsilon appears this year in a chapter-house—one of the handsomest residences in the city and by far the finest fraternity quarters in school. To be brief, the house is a two and one-half story brick structure of fourteen rooms, situated in a most desirable location, about five blocks from the university. I might add that, in no spirit of bragging, we are on top in fraternity circles.

In all departments of the university we are very active and well represented. In the corps of cadets Brother Saxton received the appointment of captain of Company B, which has been considered a Sig com-

pany for several years. Brother Bischof and your correspondent were promoted to sergeants and Brother Fechet to senior corporal of his company. We are glad to see Brother Donbrava's name as business manager of the Nebraskan and also glad to introduce Brother Bischof as president of the class of '98, adding that he is the only one who has been elected to such a position by acclamation in this school for years. Brother Saxton looks after athletics as a member of the athletic board and your correspondent is busy as an editor of the Sombrera, our annual publication. In the glee and mandolin clubs Brothers Langworthy, Cosgrove, Donbrava and Young ably represent us, the latter being instructor in mandolin and guitar in the Nebraska Conservatory of Music. At the beginning of the year Brother Brooks, '91, was elected a fellow in mathematics and has now assumed all the dignity of the office.

Alpha Epsilon wishes to acknowledge visits from Brothers F. Hedley Jobbins, Mu Mu, '95; Nat Cox, Lambda, '91; R. S. Buela, Alpha Epsilon, '92; W. H. Wheeler, '92, and S. C. Langworthy, Jr., '90. We also send greetings and best wishes to our sister chapters and hope to hear personally from each of them.

George Burgert, Jr.

Lincoln, Neb., October 24, 1896.

ALPHA XI-UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Encouraged by her success of last year and confident of her future, Alpha Xi entered the lists of the September rushing season with the individual enthusiasm of seven of her old boys, Clark, Wagstaff, Rising, Osborn, Sampson, Nelson, and Henry, and the active support of her resident alumni. Brothers Lyon, Goodrich and Price of last year gave us an opportune visit and the encouragement of their presence. The following five new "pledges" now wear the blue and the gold: L. Q. Lapham, Art Williams, George Richardson, F. Speaks and M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowersock have as ever thrown open their magnificent home and hospitality to the Sigs for their gatherings and their victories, and Brother James Bowersock, their son, just home from Harvard, has with true Sig spirit generously given his counsel and aid to further our interests.

Alpha Xi still holds her own in the university. Brother Wagstaff is secretary of the athletic board, Osborn is a member of the executive board of the Oratorical Association, Speaks is sub. half-back on the first foot-ball eleven and Smith is end on the second eleven.

Last Wednesday evening the Sigs were royally entertained at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, parents of one of our pledges, Art Williams. A number of Sigs were honored with invitations to the

rushing parties of our Sororities, the Kappa Alpha Thetas and the Kappa Kappa Gammas.

Although of moderate numbers, Alpha Xi has asserted itself in all the desirable avenues of K. U. life and this success is due entirely to the harmony which exists among its members and occasioned by their attempt to meet the end for which their fraternity was created.

But for one misfortune Alpha Xi could complain of nothing. During the last week of September the Sigs moved their furniture, valued at \$1.500, into new quarters for the year. On the evening everything was completed a fire destroyed most of the building and damaged the furniture to the extent of \$150. Although quite a loss to us, coming at the time it did and catching us uninsured, at present writing the furniture and rooms are nearly ready again for use and the chapter although temporarily embarassed is by no means disconsolate.

We extend greeting to our sister chapters and wish them a successful year.

GEO. H. RISING.

Lawrence, Kas., October 24, 1896.

SEVENTH PROVINCE.

ETA-UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The new session has just begun, a session which has already shown that the doors of prosperity have been thrown open to the University of Mississippi and with it fortune has smiled on Eta. Two or three days before the opening of the session there appeared upon the campus thirteen loyal Sigs who had returned with the firm determination of capturing from the ranks of the "barbs" and from the grasp of the other fraternities every man whom they should see fit to invite. Such determination of purpose could but result in abundant success, and Sigma Chi again occupies that place of eminence among the other "frats" which she so justly deserves. Eta takes pleasure in introducing to the fraternity world the following Sigs who have already proved their loyalty to our cross: B. T. Kimbrough, Jr., of Oxford, Miss.; W. T. Roane, Jr., of Oxford, Miss.; W. L. Watkins, of Aberdeen, Miss.; J. O. S. Sanders, of Charleston, Miss.; M. B. Leavell, of Oxford, Miss.; J. D. Miller, of Crystal Springs, Miss.; and A. M. Lee, of Charleston, Miss. Brothers Monette and Cashman came in a little late, thus making our chapter roll number twenty-one men.

A work will be accomplished here this session which has never been undertaken before, that of getting out a university annual. It is to be done exclusively by the fraternities, they having taken upon themselves the responsibility of defraying all expenses connected with its publication and each one of them having representation upon the editorial staff. It will no doubt be a success.

Sigma Chi has captured fully her share of the honors presented so far. Brother Fisher is sure to be center rush on our foot-ball team, there being no one who will contest against him. Brothers Gibson and Monette fill the positions of pitcher and right field on the base-ball team. Brother Pate and your scribe have been chosen to represent Phi Sigma Literary Society on the editorial staff of the *University Magazine*, and Brother L. P. Leavell is the Y. M. C. A. editor. By far the greater part of the honors, however, are yet to come.

Eta has met with great success the last few years, but that success must not all be attributed to the energy of the boys. The influence and loyalty of her young lady friends has been no small feature in bringing it about. Very often upon going to our meeting at Sigma Chi's nice and comfortable quarters in the town of Oxford we are thrown into a spell of merriment and good spirits by finding awaiting us some beautiful token of the loyalty of Eta's fair friends. We wish, therefore, to express to these "Sigma Chi girls" our appreciation and thanks—

And while we wish them wise and fair, Sweet maids of spotless fame; We'll offer still a higher prayer— May angels guard their name.

University, Miss., October 10, 1896.

MARION G. EVANS.

ALPHA NU-UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

With the advent of our new president, Dr. Winston, come assurances of a broad and full prosperity. Already the university life has quickened in response to this new impulse. We trust that the stage of criticism has given place to an era of generous appreciation of our university. We trust and believe that the bridge of legislative asses has been crossed and is ere long destined to be burned behind us. Indeed we can now indulge ourselves in the feeling of security and dare now to feel unrestrained in some few legitimate but erstwhile suppressed hopes as to what the University of Texas must be, for rank popular prejudice shall be rooted out. Our university now reflects the spirit of the age, and with equal speed in this same progression moves Alpha Nu.

Never before in a single session has such work been accomplished by this chapter. No one appreciates more fully than myself the impropriety of "throwing bouquets" at one's self, nor more thoroughly the fact that the Sigma Chi brother, in the very nature of the case, cannot but give an all-comprehensive, other-exclusive estimate of his fraternity in general and his chapter in particular. Yet I cannot refrain (and the temptation to canonize is intensely great) from saying this little: No fraternity did better; no fraternity hesitates to acknowledge the superior quality of the men. On October 3d we took "deep into our midst" the following worthy gentlemen: M. P. Graham, law, '99, Austin; F. M. Law, law, '98, Bryan, Tex.; Adolphus Andrews, '00, Dallas, Tex.; Robert Howell, 'oo, Bryan, Tex.; J. Milton Howe, law, '98, Houston, Tex. After the ceremony the chapter filed down to the Hotel Salge, where a very handsome spread had been prepared. October 31st our second initiatory ceremony and banquet was held. The following survivors seek to emulate the ancient mariner in their vivid descriptions of horrors undergone: Lewis Maverick, 'oo, San Antonio, Tex.; Franklin E. Smith, San Antonio, Tex.; Will Lawther, 'oo, Dallas, Tex. In consequence of these doings our annotator now calls nineteen names.

The chapter misses very much that ever-faithful brother, Madison H. Benson, who is now principal of the Quintana schools. There is, however, a counter gain; that loyal old Sig and father of revived Alpha Nu, Will H. Richardson, is with us again. We regret, too, that Brother Howe has had to return home on account of illness. We anxiously await his return.

On the 24th instant our foot-ball team went to Dallas, accompanied by 150 rooters. Our chapter was well represented, over half being there. The game resulted in a score of 0-0, but we are very hopeful of success next time. Brother Maverick is captain of the second team.

We have succeeded in securing a temporary gymnasium this year. We trust that next year will bring us a separate building. We live in hope. The Alpha Tau Omega recently attempted to establish a chapter here, but failed.

In conclusion I wish to congratulate ourselves upon the splendid issues of the QUARTERLY we have been receiving. The boys are all very proud of it, and, personally, I cannot find one among other fraternity publications that in anywise approaches it in excellence.

Brother Lee Hume paid us a flying visit last month.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters.

Austin, Tex., November 2, 1896.

F. CHARLES HUME, IR.

ALPHA OMICRON-TULANE UNIVERSITY.

All the pleasure consequent to the reunion of our chapter after a period of separation is now marred by a death, which time will only serve to make more keenly felt and deeply appreciated, that of our Brother Carson Dixon, love for whom was deep-rooted in the inmost soul of every one of us.

The chapter this year numbers thirteen members, of whom eight were with us last year. The others are George Westfeldt and Samuel Labouisse, 'oo; G. K. Logan, '94, in the medical department; and W. B. Forsyth, '92, and John May, who will attend the law school when it opens. Brothers Forsyth, Logan, May, and Victor Smith, who was here last year and has returned, were formerly members of Psi. It is a congenial aggregation of wide-awake fellows, all ardent, hard workers in behalf of the fraternity. We are all very sorry to lose Brother J. B. Tucker, '98, who has gone to Washington and Lee. Nevertheless there is this consolation, namely, that it is one of the best things that could have happened to Alpha Zeta.

All the student enterprises of the university seem to be on a boom. The glee club, which last spring was in danger of disbanding on account of financial difficulties, has been revived with increased membership, and the Collegian will hereafter appear eight times during the session instead of quarterly, as heretofore. The interest of the students is at present centered principally in the foot-ball team, and we hope before the season is over to have captured the scalps of Sewanee and of the universities of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. However, as yet, we have played no inter-collegiate games, and it is rather too early to say anything more definite than that the men have been working hard since September 15th under the direction of an efficient coach.

New Orleans, La., October 24, 1896. F. ADAIR MONROE, JR.

ALPHA PSI-VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Psi sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them a prosperous and happy year. The new year has opened bright for us and we have had a revival of old-time Sigism. Everybody is enthusiastic over our success and our prospects.

All of our old men returned except Brother C. E. Dunbar, who is studying law in Louisville, Ky.; so we began with ten men. Brother Overton, who received his B. A. in '95, returned for an M. A. Two transfers, Brother Irving Miller, Zeta Psi, and Brother H. H. Whiffin, Alpha Iota, came to us and immediately identified themselves as Sigs to the core, "full of the spirit" and hard workers. Three freshmen complete the roll of Alpha Psi. They are all splendid fellows and have already become deeply interested in fraternity work. We feel a pride in presenting to the Sigma Chi world William Duncan of Nashville,

W. Mason Palmer of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and James Gaines of Nashville. Brother Duncan is a foot-ball man and Brothers Palmer and Gaines are good musicians.

We begin the year with a good share of college honors. Brother Connell is captain and full-back on the 'varsity eleven and Brother Irving Miller is second quarter-back. Brother Bremer is editor-in-chief of the Observer, a monthly, while the writer is business manager of our weekly newspaper. Brother McIntyre is business manager of the glee club. As members of the glee club we have Brothers McIntyre and Lovelace. Three other Sigs are trying for positions on the club and their chances are good. Brother Diefenbach is president of the sophomore class. Brother Connell has been made assistant in physics. He has the distinction of being the only undergraduate ever accorded this honor.

Alpha Psi has had letters from our old practor, Brother W. B. Ricks, and our new one, Brother E. Dick Slaughter, and was glad to be able to send them good news. Alpha Psi will send some contributions to the new song book.

GRIFFIN LOVELAGE.

Nashville, Tenn., October 12, 1896.

EIGHTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA BETA-UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

We present to the fraternity Brothers Butler Bragne Minor, William Wilberforce Williams, and Lawrence VanWyke. Sigma Chi could not have done better than she did in the securing of these men. There are at present ten active members in the chapter, this being the average active membership since Alpha Beta was founded in 1886. There is a spirit of progress pervading California with which Sigma Chi is in full sympathy. The student body is largely increased and the accommodations of the university are rapidly becoming greater. There are at present about fifteen hundred students registered. Athletics were never so prominent and promising as now. We have a track team with fifty names on the roll call, six foot-ball elevens, coaching under eight coaches, two of them members of the all-American team.

On the seventh of November Alpha Beta is to hold a grand reunion banquet at Delmonico's in San Francisco. We hope this to be a nucleus for the building of a closer, firmer interest between student Sigma Chis and their alumni.

If the other chapters of our fraternity scattered far and wide through-

out the Union be in as heathful and sound a condition as is Alpha Beta, Sigma Chi is certainly to be congratulated.

Bruce Cornwall.

Berkeley, Cal., October 24, 1896.

ALPHA UPSILON-UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

As the matutinal sunlight of September 30th streamed across this southwestern mesa, our "Billy" could be seen slowly dragging himself over the landscape. He was slightly out of practice and took all night to do the work, but he did it well. In brief, we take great pleasure in introducing to Sigma Chi William Frazier Lloyd, '99, a man who we are sure will be a credit to the White Cross.

College opened with a very encouraging outlook. The delegation of new students is unusually large and prospects are bright. Alpha Upsilon is, as usual, doing good work in advancing the athletic interests of the school. Brother Thompson is managing the track department and has the united support of the school back of him. We all expect him to put out a winning team for the inter-collegiate field day, February 22, 1897. The scribe hereof is managing the foot-ball team. We hope for a good team, but it is too early in the season to prophesy as to how good it will Brother Christy at center is playing a phenomenal game. Jones at left end and Wright at quarter are our other two candidates for footballistic honors. In the athletic association, in addition to the two managers, we have Brother Lloyd, who was unanimously chosen secretary. In the Aristotelian Literary Society we received several offices. Brother F. C. M. Spencer was elected president; Brother Jones is managing editor of the Courier, the college paper; Brother Myers is in the medical college, so we still have his helpful influence with us. We have been favored with a visit from George D. Christy, Alpha Upsilon, '90, of Phoenix, Ariz.

And now brothers, we seven of Alpha Upsilon, firmly fixed in our adoration for the blue and gold and determined to at all times give our best efforts for the advancement of Sigma Chi, greet you in fraternal love and wish you unbounded success during the coming year.

Los Angeles, Cal., October 26, 1896. FOSTER C. WRIGHT.

ALPHA OMEGA-LELAND STANFORD, IR., UNIVERSITY.

Although Stanford is probably not destined to be so prominently before the public this year as last, she is all here just the same, with 997 registered up to date.

Foot-ball is with us, as it is in every college community at this season, the all-absorbing topic. Our Thanksgiving game with the Uni-

versity of California, which is always played in San Francisco, is the event of the year. All the hard practice of the fall is endured with the one end of triumphing over our friendly rivals from across the bay, and as the decisive day draws near there is much speculating as to the result. The great Walter Camp was unable to be with us this year to coach the team, but his place is admirably filled by Harry P. Cross of Yale.

The wrangling of political clubs gives not a little diversion to college life, and the complication of the money question is well evidenced from the fact that the truths imbibed in the same classes offer food for argument to both sides.

Alpha Omega was compensated for the loss of Brothers Winship and Roper by the return of Brother Strong, who spent last year at Cornell, and through the advent of Brother Moulton, formerly of Eta Eta. Brother Winship is studying in Germany and Brother Roper, who graduated from the department of mechanical engineering, has accepted a position with the Union Iron Works of San Francisco. Brother Willis C. Noble, who left us nearly a year ago and is in the engineering corps of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, has just announced his engagement to Miss Anna P. Barstow of San Rafael, Cal.

We have pledged one fine fellow and have several good men in sight. We can conscientiously say that our prospects are encouraging, and we trust that this is but the reflection of a prosperity enjoyed by every chapter.

HORACE W. Joss.

Stanford, Cal., October 24, 1896.

NINTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA ALPHA-HOBART COLLEGE.

Hobart has opened this fall with great promise for a prosperous year. The foot-ball team, under the management of Brother Blackford, with Brother Young as assistant, has made an unusually fine record. We have played seven games and won all.

The chapter is flourishing, notwithstanding the fact that we lost a number of fine men. Brother Hope, especially, we miss from the ranks of '98. Brothers Huntington, Milne and Smith, '96, are attending the General Theological Seminary in New York; Brother Hope is taking a course at the University of Pennsylvania.

We have lately enjoyed a treat in the way of a visit from Brother Wiles of Sing Sing.

I take great pleasure in presenting to the fraternity Charles Stewart

Foller, '00, of Oil City, Pa.; D. Charles White, '99, of Detroit, and Austin Stowe Humphreys, '00, of Canaseraga, N. Y.

Thus far we have taken in only three men, but expect to take in one or two more if they prove eligible.

The writer wishes to thank the Evanston, Ill., Sigs for a very pleasant visit in the summer.

Frank Wakefield Koch.

Geneva, N. Y., October 26, 1896.

ETA ETA-DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

The summer months are gone, and the boys from Eta Eta bob up serenely again and are ready to take hold of college work for another year. Some of us were very fortunate in meeting a number of Sigs during the summer.

As usual we feel the loss of our retiring delegation, but the Sigma Chi spirit is still here. Never before in the history of the college have the prospects of the different fraternities here in college been better than they are now. The entering class brought in more than 160 men, and the great part of these are desirable material. As our "chinning" season does not begin until November 20th, we cannot tell what our chances of a delegation are yet. Psi U and the Dekes will be our most formidable rivals, but we hope to hold our own.

Before the close of last term we concluded all arrangements for the purchase of land, and a chapter-house is one of the events of the near future. Besides purchasing land, our chapter was active in other ways last year. Upon looking over the athletic teams of last year I find that eight men from our chapter earned their degrees, and we have also started in with a rush this year. Brother Pillsbury is again found at center on the 'varsity eleven, and Brother Buell, who came out this year for the first time, had played full-back in all the games until his injury a few days ago; we hope to see him back in his place again as soon as possible. The best game our team has played so far was the one with U. of P., when we held them down to 16 points. Brothers Pillsbury and Buell speak very highly of the treatment received from the Sigs at Pennsylvania. "Pills" said the only thing he regretted was that he was not in training.

In the recent elections for class-day officers Brother Chase was chosen for floor director, and Brother Bolser for the address to the athletic field. As floor director is next office in honor to the marshal, we feel satisfied with our share.

We enjoyed a visit from Brother Sanborn, '87, recently. Brother McCoy, '95, is taking a course in the Thayer School for his degree of

C. E. Brother Bowles, '96, is also in the Thayer School. Hanover, N. H., October 19, 1896. B. C. TAYLOR.

NU NU-COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

The opening of another college year sees Nu Nu more firmly established than ever in Columbia University. On Friday last six new men were initiated and the members of the chapter increased to fifteen, and I think we can safely congratulate ourselves on having secured some of the best men of the incoming class. The initiation took place in a large room secured for the purpose, and was very impressive. Many of the alumni were present, and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The names of the new brothers are: Adolph Le Prince, Pierre Frederick Irving, William Lester Tillotson, Alfred Putnam, and William Price Heiniken. Brothers Tillotson, Clark, Irving, and Putnam have entered the college; Brothers Le Prince and Heiniken the chemical and electrical schools, respectively.

As yet we have initiated no new law school men, but are represented there by Brother Heinsel. We hope, however, to secure a good man, whom we have had in mind for some time. In the school of medicine we have this year no representative, but may look with no little pride upon the men who graduated there last year. Brothers Owsley and Lee are making names for themselves at Bellevue Hospital, and are certainly to be congratulated on having secured two out of the very few appointments to that much desired haven of medical students. Brother Hobdy, who has been so prominent in rowing circles during the last two years, it need scarcely be said, has also made his hospital, and is to be found hard at work at Mount Sinai. Brother Hubby is still at the Harlem Hospital. In the school of architecture Brother McAlloch, '96, is upholding the honor of Sigma Chi with great credit. But it is not only on account of our new initiates and the creditable showing of our old men that we feel our prospects to be bright. We have nearly completed our arrangements for a permanent place of meeting and club-rooms for the chapter. It has been especially difficult to accomplish this for two reasons: First, because most of the men who attend Columbia are residents in or about the city and do not, therefore, wish to board; and, second, because it has always been the policy of the chapter to keep the initiation and other fees at as low a figure as possible, in order not to bar out many of the men whom we find to be most desirable However, thanks to the generosity of the alumni and the energy of the chapter members, we have overcome these difficulties, and hope soon to be ensconced in comfortable quarters of our own.

Nu Nu sends warmest greetings to all sister chapters. New Brighton, N. J., October 23, 1896. John Duer Irving.

ALPHA THETA-MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Notwithstanding the loss of one of our most loyal members at the graduation last June, Alpha Theta begins the year with the brightest of prospects. Sixteen of our members have returned to occupy our new chapter house, 1096 Boylston street, which is located in the finest part of Boston. It satisfies us in every particular, and outclasses all other fraternity houses here by far.

We have as yet presented but two men, both fine fellows, to the goat; and we take pleasure in introducing to Sigma Chi Brothers William Rawson Collier and Stephen Pearson Brown, both of the class of 1900, the former of Atlanta, Ga., and the latter of Dover, Me. The pledged men, all of whom are of the right sort, will soon join us. We will withhold their names for the present, and introduce them to the fraternity in our next issue.

Alpha Theta sends greeting to all her sister chapters, and should any brother happen to stray this way we will give him a hearty welcome.

Boston, Mass., October 20, 1896.

E. R. HEISSLER.

ALPHA PHI-CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Phi presents greetings to her sister chapters. We regret that we are still unable to invite brothers to a house of our own, but as there was some delay in arranging matters we could not start building, as we intended. However, by this time next year we are going to be installed as owners of one of the finest houses in this "city of fine fraternity houses."* We have especially found the need of a house in our rushing so far. Yet, with so much to contend with, we are pleased to introduce to our brothers as new initiates Chas. E. Newton, 'oo, of Brooklyn and Chas. A. Skidmore, '98. Both are fine men and will reflect honor upon the chapter. We lost many valuable men by graduation last June, but some have affiliated: Harry A. Frank, Alpha Epsilon, '96; John L. Flannery, Delta Delta, '99, and John A. Caldwell, Zeta Psi, '99. With these and with our new initiates we feel that we are very well able to meet any experience that the year may bring forth in fraternity life.

Sigma Chi in general, and Alpha Phi in particular, has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Brother James Carson Dixon, who died at New Orleans October 6th. He was graduated from Cornell last June, and returned to his home worn with the labor of a hard year's work. While here he was a participant in two debates, the '94 memorial and the

Pennsylvania-Cornell intercollegiate. That Cornell won the latter was largely due to the magnificent work of Brother Dixon. His professor in oratory, Prof. Lee, says in an article in the Cornell Era: "We may never know the immediate cause of his decline, but we know how much he gave of himself to others, and many of us will feel that he possibly gave his very life to promote the interests of the university he loved. If the life of Carson Dixon is the price we pay for the inter-collegiate debate, the victory is dearly bought." Brother Will Dixon, his brother, had entered the university from Alpha Omicron, but was compelled to cease his university work for this year.

As to our honors thus far this year, Brother D. M. McLaughlin is assistant foot-ball manager, Brothers Steele and I. Platt sing on the glee club, Brothers Squire and Chatfield play on the mandolin club. Some of our men have been elected to the upper class societies and are now waiting to be swung.

In athletics Cornell is making a fine reputation this fall. The football team has not yet been scored against, and October 24th will have played against Harvard.

Extending a hearty invitation to all brothers, Alpha Phi wishes her sister chapters good luck in all of their work during the coming year.

Ithaca, N. Y., October 26, 1896. CHARLES HENRY BARTLETT.

*And there is no doubt about it.—[ED.

Personalia.

- J. L. Abbott, Alpha Nu, '89, is at present in Mason, Tex.
- E. H. Allen, Gamma, '96, is a senior at Harvard this year.

Kingsley Van Loo, Alpha Pi, '90, has located in Fresno, Cal.

- L. M. White, Alpha Pi, '96, is located at Vivi, Congo, Africa.
- H. A. Crawford, Gamma, '96, is in law school at Cleveland, O.
- W. R. Houston, Sigma Sigma, '96, is teaching in Augusta, Ga.
- L. B. Alger, Alpha Pi, '97, has entered the University of Michigan.
- L. Starling Thomas, Tau, '78, is practicing law at Martinsville, Va.

Ed Powell, Gamma, '94, is practicing law with his father in Columbus, O.

- Prof. D. B. Waldo, Alpha Pi, '87, is financial agent of his alma mater.
- Prof. E. C. Pierce, Alpha Pi, '90, is principal of Elgin, Ill., high school.

George E. Dean, Alpha Pi, '96, is a hardware merchant at Albion, Mich.

- A. J. Roberts, Alpha Pi, '96, is studying at the University of Halle, Germany.
- D. Goodyear, Alpha Pi, '96, is a student in the Boston School of Theology.

Joseph B. Kerr, Mu, '87, is dealing in live stock in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- H. Worthington Talbott, Epsilon, '96, is studying law in Harvard University.
- S. H. Ludlow, Alpha Pi, '96, is in the drug business at Battle Creek, Mich.
- Frank J. Shipp, Alpha Pi, '96, is 'varsity coach for Albion College foot-ball team.
- C. LeRoy Parker, Epsilon, '95, is instructor in chemistry in the Corcoran Scientific School, Columbian University, Washington, D. C.

Leonard M. Tobin, Alpha Nu, '95, is now at work with his father at Austin, Tex.

Arthur A. Johnson, Rho, '95, is at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Louis C. Smith, Delta Delta, '96, is instructor in mathematics in Cincinnati Tech.

John D. Thompson, Delta Delta, '93, is at Yale, where he takes his B. L. this year.

B. V. Williamson, Gamma, ex-'98, is coach of De Pauw foot-ball team this year.

S. B. Blair, Mu Mu, '96, has located at Moundsville, W. Va., for the practice of law.

George A. Cullen, Alpha Epsilon, '97, has entered Northwestern Medical College.

J. F. Strader, Mu Mu, '95 and '96, is practicing law with his father at Beverly, W. Va.

Elmer Hall, Alpha Upsilon, '93, is professor of mathematics in Long Beach high school.

George Taylor, Chi, '86, has been appointed principal of the Madison, Ind., high school.

Justin M. Kunkle, Mu Mu, '95, is local editor of the New Dominion, of Morgantown, W. Va.

A. J. McIntyre, Eta, '96, is making considerable reputation as a lawyer at Ripley, Miss.

Charles C. Pulis, Alpha Epsilon, '96, is with the Michigan Central Railroad in Detroit, Mich.

George M. Ford, Mu Mu, '96, is principal of the Lower Benwood schools at Benwood, W. Va.

A. J. Clopton, Alpha Nu, '84, is still located in Austin as private secretary to Gov. Culberson.

T. C. Kimbrough, Eta, '95, has been appointed clerk of the railroad commission in Mississippi.

H. Clay Getzendauer, Zeta, '80, was unanimously nominated by the republicans for the state senate in the thirteenth West Virginia district; but, owing to the district being strongly democratic, was defeated.

Herbert G. Peters, Tau, '80, Psi, '84, is located at Bristol, Tenn., where he is practicing law.

Harry L. Bowers, Gamma, ex-'96, was recently admitted to the practice of law at Columbus, O.

W. H. Baird, Delta Delta, '96, is consulting chemist for the Norfolk Beet Sugar Co., Norfolk, Neb.

Wayne Adolphus Mitchell, Alpha Tau, '95, is taking post-graduate law at Columbian University.

Ernest Burnham, Alpha Pi, '96, is editor of the Albion Recorder, the leading weekly of Albion, Mich.

William F. Kendrick, Alpha Pi, '96, has charge of Upton Avenue M. E. Church, Battle Creek, Mich.

Leroy E. Perine, Alpha Pi, '96, has gone into the grocery business with his father at Albion, Mich.

- E. M. Allen, Delta Delta, '96, has a position with the H. K. Porter Locomotive Co. at Pittsburg, Penn.
- H. C. Buschman, Delta Delta, '96, is coaching the foot-ball team of the Pittsburg (Penn.) Athletic Club.

Taylor Boyd Dixon, Epsilon, '98, is studying medicine in the Columbian University, Washington, D. C.

Hupert T. Houston, Zeta, '84, was one of the candidates for elector on the fusion ticket in West Virginia.

A. G. Norvell, original Nu, is running for district judge on the democratic ticket in Salt Lake City, Utah.

James H. Bartley, Alpha Pi, '91, is traveling for Bowers, Fowler & Lewis, 358 Dearborn street, Chicago.

Charles S. Downing, Delta Delta, '80, is president of the Lafayette (Ind.) Traveling Men's McKinley Club.

G. P. Talbott, Gamma Gamma, '80, is secretary and treasurer of the Pace-Talbott Tobacco Co. at Danville, Va.

Frank A. Kulp, Alpha Pi, ex-'97, LL.B., University of Michigan, '96, is practicing law at Battle Creek, Mich.

Geo. C. Cabell, Jr., Tau, '88, has returned to Danville, Va., after having spent several years in Marlin, Tex., at which place he was commonwealth attorney. He will engage in the practice of law.

Frank Talbott, Gamma Gamma, '86, is secretary and treasurer of the Danville Water and Gas Co. at Danville, Va.

John W. Dixon, Alpha Epsilon, '94, is practicing law at Nebraska City, Neb., with his uncle, John C. Watson.

Dr. Edward Green, Zeta Zeta, has been appointed superintendent of the insane asylum at Norman, Oklahoma.

George L. Nye, Theta Theta, is running on the republican ticket for county attorney in Salt Lake City, Utah.

George M. Spurlock, Alpha Epsilon, '86, and Xi, '89, has been elected probate judge of Cass County, Nebraska.

Madison H. Benson, Alpha Nu, is in charge of the Quintana schools this year. He will be back with us next session.

Paul Arnold, Alpha Upsilon, '90, is in Germany studying mathematics under a scholarship from Cornell University.

Sam E. Low, Chi, ex-'91, Theta Theta, '90, has been elected clerk of the district court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Dr. Union Worthington, Zeta Zeta, '83, Phi Phi, '86, is doing well in the practice of medicine in Salt Lake City, Utah.

W. R. Halstead, of Xi chapter, has accepted a call as pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church in Lincoln, Neb.

George C. Armstrong, Alpha Lambda, '91, is practicing law in Salt Lake City, Utah, and is coming to the front politically.

George L. Bambrick, Mu Mu, '96, was the democratic candidate for prosecuting attorney in Hancock County, West Virginia.

L. W. Anderson, Alpha Pi, '92, has a government position in the engineer corps, with headquarters at Grand Rapids, Mich.

W. G. Pace, Gamma Gamma, '78, has moved from Danville, Va., to Columbus, O., to accept a position with the M. C. Lilly Co.

Frank E. Brewer, Alpha Phi, '94, is now master at the Newark Academy. His residence is at No. 1076 South Broad street.

The Chicago Alumni Association will banquet at the Bismark November 23d, the Monday preceding Thanksgiving Day.

George O. Barclay, Kappa, '98, is now at Lafayette. He is said to be the star athlete of the institution. He is captain and catcher of the base-ball nine and half-back on the eleven.



John Dymond, Jr., Alpha Omicron, '88, is successfully practicing law in New Orleans, with an office at No. 339 Carondelet street.

S. C. Langworthy, Jr., Alpha Epsilon, '90, was a candidate for county attorney of Seward County, Nebraska, on the republican ticket.

The New York Alumni Chapter will hold its sixth annual Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday evening, November 25th, at the Arena.

- Paul F. Clark, Alpha Epsilon, '86, was a candidate for state representative of Lancaster County, Nebraska, on the republican ticket.
- A. E. Hagle, Alpha Pi, '88, has recently been made chairman of the prohibition congressional committee of the third Michigan district.
- T. W. Haught, Mu Mu, '96, has been unanimously elected a professor in the West Virginia Conference Seminary located at Buckhannon.
- Ernest H. Lindley, Lambda, '96, assisted Dr. Edmund C. Sanford in his lectures in experimental psychology at the Clark summer school.
- Fred C. Koons, Chi, '88, is now manager of the Louisville branch of The Smith-Premier Typewriter Co., with offices at 456 West Main street.
- Ray G. McDonald, Alpha Pi, '93, LL.B., University of Michigan, '96, has a position with Booth & Booth, lawyers, 36 La Salle street, Chicago.
- Rev. A. R. Cocke, D. D., Zeta, '77, is at his old pastorate in Waynesboro, Va., after a year's absence as chaplain of the University of Virginia.
- Robert E. Brown, Alpha Pi, '99, is a student at Allegheny College, Meadville, Penn., and pastor of the Second M. E. Church at Jamestown, N. Y.

Lewis Stoneman, Theta Theta, '94, was elected on the republican ticket to the state legislature of Michigan, representing one of the Detroit districts.

Will W. Irwin, Zeta Zeta, '81, who is a very popular pharmacist at Wheeling, was unanimously chosen as the democratic nominee for sheriff of Ohio county.

Rev. George R. Wood, Mu, '88, has charge of the Baptist Church at Ottawa, Ill., pending the choice by that congregation of a permanent pastor. Brother Wood's health is such that he cannot at present assume the arduous duties of a regular assignment in his chosen work.

Charles M. Whicher, Alpha Phi, '92, graduated last May from the medical department of the University of Buffalo and is now practicing medicine in Eddy, New Mexico.

Bert Merrifield, Kappa Kappa, ex-'92, is in the employ of the Western Cottage Organ factory at Ottawa, Ill. During the recent campaign he acted as secretary of the Ottawa McKinley Club, the first McKinley club organized in Illinois.

W. B. Cutright, Mu Mu, '95, has been compelled to leave his position as assistant in the preparatory department of West Virginia University and go home by a severe attack of illness. His friends are very much concerned over the outcome of his sickness.

William H. Stead, Xi, ex-'83, of the law firm of Lincoln & Stead, Ottawa, Ill., received the nomination for state's attorney of La Salle county at the hands of the republican party last July and anti-election estimates give him the office by an immense majority.

Mr. and Mrs. William White Sloan announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jennie Gertrude Sloan, to Benjamin Spaulding, Wednesday, August 26th. Mr. Spaulding is a member of Alpha Phi, '95, and will make his home at No. 440 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Henry M. Heise, Kappa Kappa, ex-'96, is with the Katie Emmet Co. under the stage name of George Ray. The company stopped over Sunday in Lafayette last month and he looked up the boys of Delta Delta, who, on the following evening, were so fortunate as to witness him carry off the honors in the leading juvenile role.

Marion M. Miller was the people's party candidate for representative in the twelfth congressional district of New York, which comprises the territory between East river, Fourteenth street to Fourth avenue, to Twenty-third street, to Sixth avenue, to Twenty-fifth street, to Seventh avenue, to Fortieth street, to Lexington avenue, to Forty-second street, to East river. The opposing candidates were George B. McClelland, regular democratic nominee, and Charles A. Hess on the republican ticket. Mr. Miller's candidacy is a protest against the single-standard ideas of Mr. McClelland.

MARRIAGES.

On the sixteenth day of September, Rev. Robert Emmet Brown, Alpha Pi, '92, of Jamestown, New York, and Miss Amy Bernice Lee, of Grand Ledge, Michigan, were united in marriage at the home of the bride.

Brother George E. Dean, Esq., Alpha Pi, '96, of Albion, Michigan, and Miss Belle Aurell Clark, of Williston, Vermont, were married at the home of the bride August 5th. Brother and Mrs. Dean will reside at Albion.

Judge William H. Taylor, Zeta, '74, was married August 19, 1896, to Miss Lucy Lea Langhorne, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Miller Langhorne, of Uniontown, New York. Their honeymoon was spent in New York.

Joseph G. Dudley, Alpha Zeta, '92, of Buffalo, New York, was married October 10th at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in the Episcopal Church, to Miss Angeline Moon. Mr. Dudley is the junior partner of the law firm of Brundage & Dudley. Mr. Brundage was formerly a partner of ex-Postmaster General W. S. Bissell. Miss Moon is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delos R. Moon. Mr. Moon is president of the Northwestern Lumber Company, one of the largest two lumber concerns in the country.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE COOMBS STRASENBURGH.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to remove from us our brother, George Coombs Strasenburgh, and

WHEREAS, In his death Sigma Chi has lost a true man, a loyal brother and a faithful friend, be it therefore

Resolved, That the Alpha Alpha chapter of Sigma Chi extend its heartfelt sympathies to the parents and friends of our brother, and be it

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be published in the SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY, be sent to the parents of the deceased, and be written in the minutes of the chapter.

FRANK P. WHICHER, WILL C. YOUNG, ARTHUR A. MOULTON,

RALPH FRANCIS ANDREWS.

On the twenty-seventh day of last May Ralph Francis Andrews departed from this earthly life. His untimely death was the result of an accident sustained while bicycle riding in the fall of '95, and which terminated in paralysis of the brain.

He was compelled to discontinue his college work and was soon taken to the sanitarium in this city. During the winter he was taken to Chicago and placed under the best treatment obtainable, but, not improving, was brought back to the sanitarium.

The remains were taken in charge by the members of Alpha Epsilon

chapter and escorted to the train, by which they were borne to the home of his parents at Kearney, Nebraska.

Brother Andrews was twenty-one years of age and a member of the class of '97, having entered the University of Nebraska in '93. He was initiated into Alpha Epsilon chapter of Sigma Chi in the fall of '93 and always took an active part and a keen interest in the workings and welfare of the fraternity and chapter.

The following resolutions of sympathy were adopted by the chapter:

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God in his divine providence to take from us our beloved brother, Ralph Francis Andrews, and

WHEREAS, We realize in his death we have sustained the loss of a brother whose admirable traits of character and whose confiding and affectionate nature we have learned to love and esteem, be it therefore

Resolved, That the Alpha Epsilon chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity condole with the family of the deceased in this our mutual bereavement, and that our heartfelt sympathy be tendered to them, and be it further

Resolved, That each member of this chapter drape his pin and wear it as a badge of mourning for thirty days; and, lastly, be it

Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents of our deceased brother, that a copy be spread upon our chapter record, and that a copy be sent to each of the college publications, to the daily papers, and also that a copy be printed in the Sigma Chi Quarterly.

JOHN W. DIXON,
BERTRAND S. LANGWORTHY,
HARRY W. DONBRAVA,

College and Fraternity Notes.

Delta Tau Delta has established a chapter at Brown.

Kappa Sigma held its conclave at Indianapolis last October.

Theta Delta Chi chapters at Hobart and Cornell have purchased houses.

Sigma Nu has broken ground for a chapter-house at the University of Missouri.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has entered a house at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio.

Kappa Alpha has entered a house at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Delta Kappa Epsilon will hold its convention at Nashville during the present month.

Kappa Sigma held its biannual conclave at Indianapolis, October 14th, 15th and 16th.

Kappa Kappa Gamma held its biennial convention the first week in September at Evanston, Ill.

It is said that a chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma is to be shortly established at the University of Virginia.

The chemical laboratory of the University of Illinois was almost completely destroyed by fire last August.

Mayor Swift of Chicago is a member of Phi Delta Theta, from the old University of Chicago chapter.—The Scroll.

The Phi Kappa Psi chapter at Bucknell University expects to have a house of its own at an early date.—The Scroll.

The total donations to colleges and universities in this country since January 1, 1896, amount to \$4,075,750.—The Key.

Mr. Hiram Crowl Burger announces that he cannot accept a re-election to the editorship of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record.

Mr. John Edwin Brown in the September number of *The Scroll* announces his intention to abandon his editorial labors. Mr. Brown has managed the Phi Delta Theta magazine for seven years.

The largest educational institution in the world is the University of Berlin, having an enrollment of 8,343 students.— The Key.

Theta Delta Chi will hold its fiftieth convention at New Hoffman House, Madison Square, New York, November 24th and 25th.

The Michigan chapter of Psi Upsilon has passed a law prohibiting its members from joining class societies or professional fraternities.

Phi Gamma Delta held its forty-eighth national convention in Chicago last October. The banquet hall of the Auditorium was used for meetings.

Gen. John C. Black, who was nominated for the gubernatorial honors by the national democrats of Illinois, is a member of the Phi Delta Theta, Wabash, '62.

Ground has been broken for the new biological and the armory and gymnasium buildings at O. S. U. All preparatory classes have been abolished.—*The Scroll*.

Wm. Deering of Chicago has presented Northwestern University with securities valued at \$215,000, the annual income from which amounts to \$13,000.—The Scroll.

Vassar, the oldest of the women's colleges, is but thirty years old. Nearly 1,200 women have graduated from Vassar, and about 3,000 from all the other women's colleges put together.

The men at University of Chicago initiated in Psi Upsilon by Chicago alumni were not recognized at the recent convention of that fraternity as constituting a chapter.—The Scroll.

During the last year Sigma Nu initiated 230 persons, making a total active membership of 542. As Sigma Nu has thirty-six chapters, this makes an average of fifteen for each chapter.

D. D. Woodmansee, president of the National League of Republican Clubs, is a member of Phi Delta Theta. Mr. Woodmansee is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, being a member of the class of '81.

It is reported the advisability of entering the University of West Virginia was a topic of discussion at the general convention of Beta Theta Pi. It is thought that the decision was favorable for the establishment of a chapter there.

The Princeton University Base-ball Association report shows the total receipts to be \$13,830.56, and the total expenditures \$11,651.14, leaving a net profit of \$2,179.42. Home games brought in \$6,229.75

and out-of-town games \$6,534.71. Traveling expenses aggregated \$3,132.47, guarantees to other teams \$2,985.37, training table \$1,382.40, coaching \$303.90 and athletic supplies \$627.62.—Chicago Record.

The Wisconsin chapter of Phi Delta Theta last spring purchased a beautifully located and well-arranged chapter-house. The Dartmouth and California chapters have purchased lots and will build at an early date.—The Scroll.

Delta Tau Delta has entered Washington and Lee without increasing the number of chapters represented by absorbing the local remnant of Phi Theta Psi, the Virginia fraternity which formally dissolved about a year ago.—Kappa Alpha Journal.

Dr. T. J. See of the University of Chicago, who goes on the \$60,000 astronomical expedition to Mexico to study the double stars of the southern heavens, is a Phi Delta Theta from the University of Missouri chapter.—*The Scroll*.

The populist party candidate for vice-president, Thomas E. Watson, is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon from Mercer University. Gov. McKinley, republican candidate for president, is an honorary member of the same fraternity.—*The Scroll*.

The University of California is to have a chair of Oriental languages, which includes Chinese and Japanese. The chair is endowed by a bequest from Mr. Edward Thompson, an Englishman, who has lived in San Francisco and China.—The Scroll.

At Tufts College there is a fully organized non-fraternity faction with officers and business sessions, and it is said that this has served to unite the Greeks so closely that interfraternity strife is almost an unknown quantity.—Theta Delta Chi Shield.

Alpha Delta Phi has no official magazine, but it is learned from the *University Magasine* that the Wesleyan (Conn.) chapter has inaugurated the publication of a paper in the interests of that chapter known as *The Emerald*. Such an enterprise was formerly maintained, but was allowed to lapse some years ago.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The executive committee of the Cornell board of trustees has approved the action of the law school faculty in deciding that in September, 1898, and thereafter the standard of admission to the Cornell school of law shall be the same as for entering classes in arts, philosophy and science. After this date the course will become three years, instead of two, as at present.—The Scroll.

At Miami University Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Chi occupy rented chapter-houses. Phi Delta Theta has a plan on foot for the erection of a house, which, besides accommodating the local chapter, shall be used for preserving the records of the general fraternity.—The Scroll.

Johns-Hopkins University holds about \$1,350,000 of preferred and common Baltimore and Ohio stock, and is embarrassed to the extent of \$50,000 a year, owing to the failure of the railroad company to pay dividends. At commencement last June President Gilman acknowledged subscriptions of \$210,000 by citizens of Baltimore to the relief fund of the university.—The Scroll.

Delta Psi at its last convention withdrew the charter of the Rochester University chapter, which has existed since 1851 and which is said to own a handsome home and to have built up an influential local alumni. The chapter has been rather small of late and the institution was declared to be on the decline. This movement had been threatened for some time and was vigorously contested by the chapter.—Kappa Alpha Journal.

The college libraries in America are increasing the number of their volumes. The Harvard library contains now over 430,000 volumes; that of the University of Chicago, 250,000; Yale, 180,000; Columbia, 165,000; Cornell, 150,000; University of Pennsylvania, 100,000; Princeton, 91,000; Lehigh, 90,000; Michigan, 80,000; Dartmouth, 75,000; Brown, 73,000; Amherst, 61,000, and Johns-Hopkins, 60,000.—*The Scroll*.

Not only can a great deal regarding the general workings of a fraternity be learned from the chapter letters, but they are an excellent index of the standard of fraternity life maintained by the different chapters. The long list of letters—forty-six—in the Sigma Chi Quarterly is a good illustration of this. Of course there are some of the usual skeleton pattern, but many are so well written from a literary standpoint, and tell so graphic a story of the chapter life and aims that it is a pleasure for even an outsider to read them.—The Shield.

The June issue of the *Psi Upsilon Review*, containing forty pages, is exclusively devoted to an account of the sixty-third convention, which was held during the last week of April at Ann Arbor. It appears that Alpha Delta Phi was in convention at the same time and place. The Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter gave a Dutch lunch to the two fraternities in convention. It seems as though Mr. Jacob was actually pleased.

We cannot understand, however, how in the world he could ever allow Psi Upsilon to mix as a fraternity with any other fraternities. And D. K. E., too!

Causes of Prosperity.—The best chapters are those that realize their obligation to the college as well as to the fraternity and cultivate college spirit; that remember always their duty toward the barbarian and toward other Greeks; in other words, that build their structure on the corner-stone of unselfishness; that accumulate property and make for themselves an abiding place where they can keep their lares and penates and toward which the thoughts and affections of their alumnæ will turn; that have a supervision over their members that impresses them with the fact that whether in the class-room or on the street whatever they do reflects credit or discredit on their fraternity.—Alpha Phi Quarterly.

United States limits have been disregarded in extension by Zeta Psi, Kappa Alpha (N), Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Kappa Sigma, each of which has a chapter in Canada, the first being twice represented. To Chi Phi, however, belongs the sole notoriety of having maintained a chapter on strictly foreign soil. In 1867 a charter was granted to University of Edinburg students, which chapter in its existence of three years comprised a total of only fourteen members, all of whom, with a single exception, were from the United States. All of these, save one, hailed either from Louisiana or South Carolina. Another even more unique chapter is said to have existed during the late war among members of Sigma Chi in the Southern army. It was known as "Constantine Chapter," and is said to have maintained some sort of an existence during the intensest period of the war. It was, of course, entirely unofficial.—Kappa Alpha Journal.

The Chicago Record gives a list of this country's great benefactors of educational institutions and the universities and colleges which have received their munificent gifts. Stephen Girard heads the list with \$8,000,000 to Girard College, Philadelphia; John D. Rockefeller has already given \$7,000,000 to the University of Chicago. George Peabody gave \$6,000,000 to found the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, to Harvard and southern institutions. The Leland Stanford estate has brought \$5,000,000 to the University of California. Johns-Hopkins bequeathed \$3,500,000 to the Johns-Hopkins University, Maryland; Asa Packer \$3,500,000 to the Lehigh University, Pennsylvania, and Paul Tulane to the Tulane University, Louisiana, \$2,500,000. Among other gifts ranging between \$2,000,000 and \$1,000,000 are those of Isaac Rich

to the Boston University; Jonas Clark to the Clark University; James Lick to the University of California; John C. Green to Princeton College; A. J. Drexel to the Drexel Industrial School, Philadelphia; Peter Cooper to Cooper Union; Ezra Cornell and Henry W. Sage to Cornell University.—*The Key*.

The University of California is to be made richer by \$4,000,000 by donations from various persons, chief among whom is Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, widow of the millionaire senator from California. This amount is not to be given all at one time, but will be paid as soon as the state is prepared to make proper use of the money. The state must spend \$500,000 on buildings, and when this is done the gifts will be paid. These facts became known at the meeting of the board of regents of the university yesterday, when Mrs. Hearst sent a note to the board donating \$15,000 to be used in securing plans for new buildings. architects of all countries are to be invited to compete and submit plans for a group of buildings of similar design which will surpass anything of the kind in the world. Mrs. Hearst stated that she would erect two buildings at her own expense, one of which would be a memorial to her late husband. It is reported that she will spend \$500,000 just as a starter and will spend more later. The names of others who will give funds are not given. Desire to surpass Stanford University seems to be the main cause of the movement.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Mr. George Frederick Rush has been succeeded by Mr. William C. Gretzinger, as editor of the Phi Kappa Psi The Shield. The latter in his salutatory makes the following very wise remarks: "It will be our purpose and endeavor to maintain The Shield upon a most dignified and conservative basis. Hence no bickering of any sort will be allowed in its columns. It is also our purpose to "edit" the chapter letters. this we mean to reserve the right to improve wayward English and obscure rhetoric, and we also mean to use the blue pencil in cases where the chapter letter does not comply with the policy of the magazine nor conform to the principles of the fraternity. Correspondents are urged to use the greatest care in composing their chapter letters. Do not make them trashy affairs; do not make them, above all things, gossipshops. On the other hand, do not omit to mention items that would be of interest to the fraternity. Do not speak unkindly of the other fraternities represented at your institution. Remember that this is growing to be more and more an age of altruism and the spirit of good fellowship between fraternities is growing stronger as the years go by.

Bigoted prejudice no longer prevails between Greek letter men, and the enemies of the Greek system are, therefore, losing the ground upon which they formerly stood in their unwarranted attacks upon the American college fraternity."

Fraternity in Class Politics.—What a world of scenes the subject calls to mind-scenes of planning, of "making up slates," of electioneering, of heated arguments, of excited voting, and of final bursts of applause for success, or mayhap chagrin over a defeated leader. Is this a phase of college life into which fraternity may with impugnity be brought? Can the high standard of Greek societies enter this field and come out unsullied? Does glory thus gained pay? How apt we are to forget in our zeal for our order and our champion that there are those who have not our privileges who are able in many ways and worthy of these honors; who may by force of circumstances be obliged to remain out of the ranks. Shall they be shown no consideration? We forget in our ardor that we are parts of an educational institution which is bound to regard the best interests of every one of its members and whose wellbeing we in turn bind ourselves to remember and by means of which we were led to the Greek sisterhood so dear to us. We forget these bonds in zeal for self. Then, too, with intensity of feeling and increasing excitement come greater sacrifices to gain our ends-sacrifices in the fraternity's name, of dignity, of unselfishness, of straightforward action, of friendly relations, of courtesy, and sometimes, "tell it not in Gath," of honesty. And all for what? For the paltry honor of a class president, an honor to be disregarded and forgotten in a few months, an honor which is a living reproach for the price paid for its attainment, which is only a symbol of a struggle unworthy of fraternity men and women.— ISABEL Howe in The Key.

On August 1, 1896, the General Council recalled the charter of the Virginia Alpha chapter at Roanoke College. The proposition of the council to this effect received the required approval of the chapters of Beta province and the province presidents. To many in the fraternity this notice will come as a great surprise. No one has questioned the ability of Virginia Alpha to maintain its prowess at Roanoke. For a period of five years the chapter has never lost a man to its rivals and it has furnished some excellent men for Phi Delta Theta. But, admitting all this, it has been undeniable that the march of progress in modern educational affairs has left Roanoke as a straggler in the rear so far as those factors which make a high standing college are concerned. Its building equipment is poor, its finances are limited, its patronage does

not furnish a field as desirable as the fraternity should like to work in, and when it is remembered that the college is isolated from other institutions and its students do not come enough in contact with other college men to imbibe a feeling of comradeship with them, there is a combination of circumstances that fully explains the justice of our action. Not even the fact that so good a rival as Phi Gamma Delta was located there or that Sigma Chi lately restored a charter to a group of applicants, could deter the council from the course which a most careful and personal investigation had dictated as the proper one. We have nothing but kind words for Virginia Alpha; we only regret that the institution in which it was located could not have preserved the same relative standing among other institutions which it once enjoyed.—Phi Delta Theta Scrall.

Reviews.

ARTIE; a Story of the Streets and Town.

BY GEORGE ADE.

PICTURES BY JOHN T. McCUTCHEON

Chicago: Herbert S. Stone & Co., 1896.

This is the title of a little volume recently issued. Probably it is needless to say that Ade and McCutcheon are Sigma Chis. They are members of the Delta Delta chapter, '87 and '89, respectively. Both are on the staff of the Chicago *Record*, Mr. Ade for three years having written the column, "Stories of the Streets and of the Town," which appears daily on the editorial page of the paper, and Mr. McCutcheon illustrating it.

The "Artie" sketches, twenty of them, first appeared in the Record. The first story was published soon after Mr. Ade returned from his trip to Europe last Summer. This story served to illustrate the opinion of a young man wholly given to the use of slang, of a church social. At that time Mr. Ade had no idea of writing a series of such sketches, but he, as it were, fell in love with his own character creation, and so from week to week allowed Artie to give his opinions of events and things. Gradually the sketches developed into a sort of romance, and the readers of the Record became so much interested that they went to see Mr. Ade and wrote him many letters, asking him "why Artie and Mame didn't get married." So from mere sketches the separate stories, taken together, developed into a connected story, with a logical ending.

Artie doesen't talk English. He uses slang, and in that "language" the many wholesome truths he utters are made all the stronger. The book teems with such wholesome, homely truths, and a careful reading shows withal a gradual uplifting of the hero, due mainly to the influence of woman. But the snob, the would-be worldly man, the hair-brained society fop—all find themselves accurately pictured.

Artie is ten thousand young men who work in the offices, stores and shops of Chicago, rolled into one, and the author is an integral part of each of these ten thousand. Artie is real. You can't find him in the society drama or in the fashionable novel. You have to go to the streets, to the lunch rooms and to the variety theatres. It is doubtful if you would find him at church every Sunday morning, but the same afternoon

you would not waste your time seeking him in the parks or at a picnic.

Artie is genuine, he is honest, he is frank. His education was not acquired at college. He learned from experience, and the hard knocks of the world have given him a wisdom which all the college professors in the country couldn't impart. He is a type, genus West Side, Chicago.

As to the book itself. Artie is employed in an office. At the next desk sits Miller, rather book-wise but innocent so far as the real workday world is concerned. Artie's dialogues are nearly all carried on with Miller. Nearby "young Mr. Hall," who in Artie's language is a "two spot," has a desk. By and by Artie meets Mame at a North Side Turner hall dance. He gets "nanny" about her and finally proposes. There you have the story of the plot, if it may be called such.

This is how Artie meets Mame at the dance, in his own words:

"As I was sayin', she was sittin' over in a corner, and I could see that a Johnny-on-the-spot, with a big badge, marked 'Committee,' was tryin' to keep cases on her. Well, I got friendly with a guy that was standin' around, the same as myself, tryin' to break in, an' I says to him: 'I want you to do me a favor. Take me over and give me a knockdown to the queen in the corner.' He said he didn't know her. 'What's the diff?' I says. 'Aint you got your nerve with you?' Well, he was all right. He took me over and says: 'Miss Lum-yum and so and so,' fakin' it as he went, 'I want you to shake hands with my friend Mr. Ta-ra-m-m-m,' and then he ducked."

"What was it he called you?"

"He didn't call me nothin'. He just made a bluff. She says to me, I didn't ketch the name. Livingstone, Herbert Livingstone. I'm on the board o' trade.' That board o' trade business has been done to death, but I guess it went with her. I asked her for her name and she give it to me—straight. 'How about the next dance?' I says. She said it was all right if Mr. Wilson didn't come around and claim it. I put up the tall talk, jollied her along, danced with her three times—well of course you couldn't blame her. Then I took her home."

But if all the good things and the true things Artie says were to be repeated it would take this whole issue of the QUARTERLY. Enough said. If you want to know more of Artie you will have to buy the book. Through "Artie," Ade and McCutcheon tell the secret of how they can produce such sketches: They're good mixers and have kind o' got next to the live ones. McCutcheon's pictures are only outlines, but he can tell worlds in an outline.

WILLIAM JEAN ETTEN.

The volume has run through its fourth edition, quite remarkable when it is considered that it made its first appearance September 15th.—[Ed.

D. L. AULD,

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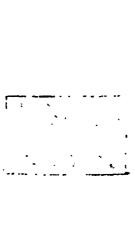
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HARRY ST. JOHN DIXON.

In the history of the Greek letter fraternities probably the most interesting and illustrative thing is the Constantine chapter of Sigma Chi. The last *Catalogue* says:

"In 1864, when the star of the confederacy was declining and the beginning of the end had come, Harry St. John Dixon, of the Psi, organized in the army of the Tennessee, under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, the celebrated Constantine chapter of Sigma Chi, the most unique fraternal organization ever founded. It had been ascertained that there were a number of Sigmas from different chapters in this division of the confederate army, and, in order to insure the perpetuation of the fraternity in the South, whatever should be the outcome of the war, it was decided to meet and perfect an organization. 'Furthermore,' wrote Dixon in 1881, 'it was deemed expedient that we should know each other and our several commands for purposes of relief in distress and communication with our northern brethren in case of need.' The first meeting was held at night on the outskirts of the camp. Here in a dilapidated log cabin, by the light of one wretched tallow candle, the chapter was formed. The only two members ever initiated were admitted to a membership which the fraternity has since been proud to recognize. The initiates were Thomas N. Fowler and A. B. Raffing-Fowler was a lieutenant in the Twenty-eighth Mississippi Cavalry and has resided in Mobile, Ala., since the war. Raffington was a corporal in Company D in the same regiment and was killed at the battle of Mount Carmel, Tenn., on November 29, 1864. Harry S. Dixon was elected president of the chapter and Harry Yerger, of Eta, was chosen vice-president. Other members were: Reuben T. Pollard, the delegate of Eta to the Wheeling convention; Evan J. Shelby, John M. Graham and William T. Driver, also of Eta, and W. H. Bolton, of the original The campaign for the possession of Atlanta and that of Nashville, followed so closely and hotly by the final scenes of the spring of 1865, precluded any elaborate organization, and space will not permit

the details of all that was accomplished. The mere fact of organization was of itself a benefit. The celebrated Twenty-eighth Mississippi Cavalry contained three of the original members and was the headquarters of the chapter, where from time to time others dropped in and reported, thus keeping all informed of each other's movements and sustaining active interest in the fraternity. Dixon in the meantime had succeeded in communicating with the northern chapters and was suggesting to them the wisest course of action in view of impending events.

To Brother Harry St. John Dixon, Psi, '60, we are indebted for this practical illustration of the possibilities of an organization like ours. In the midst of that terrible conflict this man remembered his college society and gathered about him a handful of brother Sigs for the purpose of relieving and aiding not only each other, but their brothers, the enemy. But this is not all Brother Dixon has given Sigma Chi. has taught a lesson of self-abnegation and unselfish devotion to the order; to him the principles of brotherhood and love which Sigma Chi teaches were genuine realities. He recognized the grand possibilities of an organization like ours; to him the white cross and its decorations was more than a pretty, jeweled ornament—it was emblematic of great sentiments which were ever the rule and guide of his conduct. The history of Sigma Chi is replete with the acts of Brother Dixon. fall of 1860 he became a member of Psi, which numbered only two members. Ere long the "irrepressible" conflict scattered the students of the University of Virginia. The archives of the chapter were placed in charge of the Monticello Bank and the members of the chapter left hastily for the front. Brother Dixon sought to enlist in the Virginia volunteers, but in the absence of the consent of his parents he was refused, being still in his minority. He returned to the home of his father, Judge R. L. Dixon, in Mississippi, and was soon allowed to join the Eleventh Mississippi Infantry, C. S. A., later becoming a member of Company D (Washington Cavalry), Twenty-eighth Mississippi volun-He was made an aide on the staff of Gen. French and remained in service to the end.

The horror and blood of embittered civil strife was unable to impair the genuine fraternal affection of the brothers in Sigma Chi. In the very midst of hostilities messages of friendship were exchanged and the Sigs of the south and the Sigs of the north vowed mutual protection and determined that whatever might be the outcome of the struggle the unity of Sigma Chi should never be impaired. The fact that in the midst of the fiercest and most hotly contested civil war of modern times the welfare of the order was present in the minds of its members in the ranks of opposing armies is in itself a most convincing evidence of the worth and genuineness of the fraternal spirit of Sigma Chi. "As early as October, 1864," says the historian of Psi, "letters were passing to and fro between the lines, and Dixon was suggesting legislation to the conventions that were meeting in the north. On January 7, 1865, he reported the condition of the southern colleges, and preparations were made to re-establish the southern chapters as soon as hostilities should cease."

After the surrender of the confederate armies Dixon, impoverished and ruined by the war, returned to his home in Mississippi. entered the University of Virginia as a law student in the fall of 1866. His first care was to revive the Psi and he entered on the work with his characteristic enthusiasm and devotion. His own account of the revival of Psi is as follows: "Of course the war disorganized the chapter. ceased to exist until in November, 1866, when I returned to the university as a law student. I had determined before my return to reorganize it and had held correspondence with the Alpha (Gamma) chapter for that purpose. I found no little difficulty in doing so. My exceeding poverty forbade many of the many expenditures incident upon such an undertaking and I had no assistance from any quarter. Not one of the old members returned in 1865-6 or 1866-7. If there was to be a resurrection of the white cross I had to do it alone. I 'pinched' myself in all manner of ways to save a little money. I cut off my supply of fuel. I wore my shirts for a longer period than I had done in the days of abundance, and even apportioned out how much tobacco I would use. * * * But while I durst not confess how poor I was, my social connections were an advantage. It was not long before I had several good fellows to aid me, and right well they did so. By the time 'Public Day,' July 4, 1867, had rolled around I was gratified to see within our circle and under the protection of our brotherhood a goodly number of members with whom to leave the prosperity of the chapter."

A glorious portrayal of unselfish devotion! An inspiring picture of enthusiastic self-denial!

During the summer of 1867 Brother Dixon commenced the practice of law in Washington county, Mississippi, removing the next year to California and settling on a ranch in Fresno county. In 1869 he was appointed deputy county clerk and in 1870 was elected county clerk, which position he held until he resumed the practice of his profession in the city of Fresno in 1874. In February of that year he married in San Francisco Constance, second daughter of Lafayette Maynard, of Virginia. After his marriage he made his home at Fresno, where he

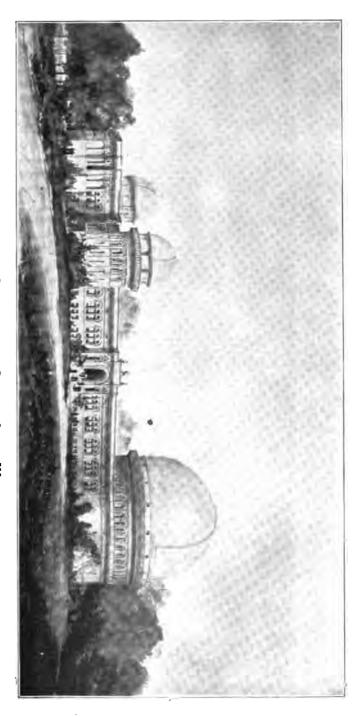
accumulated a modest fortune through his labors in the law. He speedily won a recognized standing throughout the state as a lawyer of great ability, learning and integrity. He occupied an enviable position at the bar until the failure of his health compelled him to lay aside his labors in 1891.

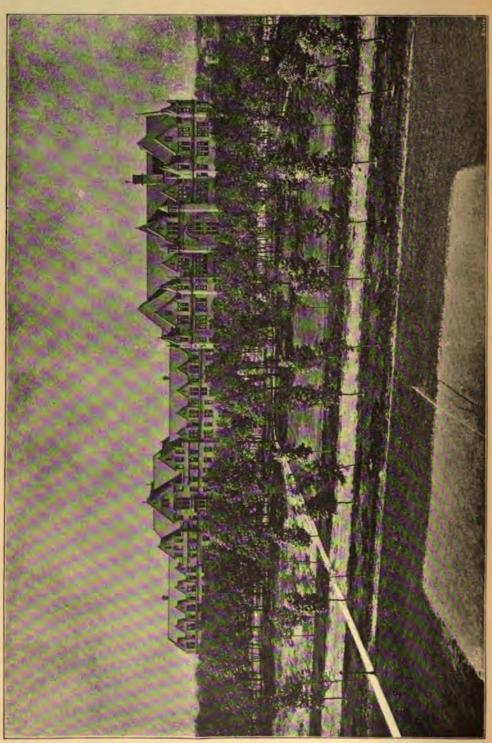
Until the failure of his health Brother Dixon never allowed his interest in the order to flag. He attended many conventions and contributed many articles to the QUARTERLY. His "Recollections of a Rebel Private," which appeared in volume 5 (1886), is a most valuable contribution to the literature of the Greek letter fraternities. He was interested with Brother Teed and others in establishing the California chapters.

In 1890 Brother Dixon in writing of his connection with Sigma Chi said: "I congratulate myself on belonging to an order which produces so many noble men as ours does. I have been in many orders since; as a boy of seventeen, I entered the Sigma Chi nearly thirty years ago, and I love none as I do this sweetheart of my youth."

Los Angeles, Cal.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

After the old University of Chicago had for some years done a good work, more as a college than as a university, it died. A movement among the Baptists to revivify it led to the establishment of the present institution. Between the old and the new there is little in common; with the appearance of President Harper and Mr. Rockefeller the movement was swept far beyond the old horizon. While the World's Fair was growing, close by, within the noise of construction and later the tum-tum from the Streets of Cairo, was growing the new university. In 1889 was made the first subscription, in October of 1892 the doors were opened to students. The World's Fair is gone, the Midway Plaisance has been transformed, has become a strip of drives and sunken lawn, and immediately facing it on the north is the university campus of twentyfour acres. Some thirteen buildings—recitation halls, museums, laboratories, dormitories and gymnasium—are in use. Four new biological buildings are nearly completed. Besides these, eighty miles away on a hill overlooking beautiful Lake Geneva in Wisconsin, is the Yerkes Observatory and the big telescope. The style of architecture of all the buildings on the campus is the same, the English gothic, and they are all of the same material, a beautiful gray limestone. If the plan which lay in the architect's brain and which has been with care committed to paper is carried out there will be eventually four quadrangles. ent there exists only the outer fringe. Mr. Cobb has certainly been wonderfully happy so far in his treatment of the magnificent and unique opportunity that lay before him for the housing of a university. There rises to mind the architecture of Oxford and Cambridge representing the growth of centuries. It is worth stopping to think just what the architecture of the Uuniversity of Chicago represents. For interesting as the university is in itself, I think I am right in saying that it is far more interesting when it is thought of in connection with the forces which made it.

With many the university and the World's Fair will always be associated; and such an association is underlaid by no merely superficial resemblances—they were twin children of the same Chicago spirit, the spirit which built a magnificent city amid the smouldering ruins of a prosperous past. When the tremendous progress had slackened so that there was time to look about, Chicago said "Music is good," and the

Auditorium and the Chicago Orchestra were the result. And now, at last it said "Culture is good and we will have a university of our own, and instead of starting it and letting it grow slowly, we will build one in a day." A university was so built and here it is; it is not done, it will grow, there is more that is still to be than already exists, but this growth is planned for, is a part of this university's scheme.

But this tangible part that actually exists, this has been accomplished in five years, which at Oxford took centuries. But have we all that Oxford has? There are processes which only mellowing time can contain. The smallest college that has fought for its life through winters and summers has much precious inheritance such as the university will not have for many a year. But who with an open mind can look at what has taken place here and not be strongly impressed?

After so much of philosophizing, I am ready to describe in some detail some of the more interesting features of the university. The work of instruction is done through the graduate schools, the undergraduate colleges and the divinity schools. The work of the graduate divinity school is done at the university; the work of the other divinity schools as well as that of the preparatory school is carried on at Morgan Park, a near suburb. The graduate schools are two: The school of arts and literature and the Ogden school of science. These are the real nucleus of the university and form the department upon which most stress is laid. The attendance in the graduate school now, I believe, exeeds in size that of any other university in America.

The colleges are two, the junior college—freshman and sophomore years; and the senior college—junior and senior years. There are no classes; nothing that corresponds to them. Two students may enter at the same time, take the same general course and graduate at the same time and still keep quite out of each other's paths. This is because of the great freedom that is allowed in the selection of courses. junior college there is certain required work, but even this may be taken in the order that best suits the student's tastes within certain evidently appropriate limits. The course in the last two years is almost entirely optional, except for certain restrictions which aim to prevent either too great concentration or too much diffuseness. The work of the graduate school and the work of the colleges are done in the same classes, although it naturally comes to pass that certain courses are almost entirely attended by undergraduates and others almost entirely by grad-But an undergraduate may take work in any course for which uates. he is fitted.

The division of the year is unique; there are four quarters of twelve



WOMEN'S HOUSES.

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HASKELL ORIENTAL MUSEUM.

weeks each and between each two a vacation of a week. The number of weeks in the year seems to have been arranged for such a scheme. Thus the university stops only to catch a breath—it does not take one of those long summer naps usually associated with a scholastic life, but which President Harper believes quite unnecessary. At the beginning of each quarter degrees are given at an imposing function, called the convocation, with great formality of Latin and cap and gown. Thus four times a year are students received and graduated from the uni-This is not only unique, but very convenient, for one who has been prevented from beginning at the regular fall opening does not thereby lose a year, but can begin three months later. Further, one is at liberty to choose the time and amount of his vacations; the majority of students still prefer to take the summer off, but many take advantage of the chance for vacations at other more convenient times. ble by taking no long vacation to finish a four years' course in three. This is being done. Or it is possible to stretch it out over twelve years. Not a few students work half the year at teaching or in business and spend the rest in study. I ought also to say that since graduation is wholly a matter of credits for courses, not only can there be choice as to the number of quarters each year that are devoted to study, but also as to the number of courses that shall be taken at one time. Thus there are many students who are obliged to use the main part of their energies in other directions, taking one or possibly two courses. This division of the year is not ungrateful to the members of the faculty, for they are enabled to take their vacations either three months at a time or in some cases in two parts of six weeks each, or by continuous work they may gain the right to a continuous vacation of a year or more.

But perhaps the most interesting result of this new division of the year is the summer quarter. The summer quarter was begun as an experiment, but every year proves that it is unquestionably one of the most valuable parts of the university's work, not so much because of the regular students, who, indeed, are largely absent, but because of the teachers who come from every part of the country here to do regular university work. The summer quarter is likely to be unique, and, while the regular work of the university will go on, it is likely that the courses that are then offered will be courses that are best adapted to the needs of teachers. Many of these teachers—those who are college graduates—join the graduate school; those who have not been graduated become unclassified students. To be an unclassified student one must be twenty-one years of age and must have passed the entrance examination in every department in which work is taken, but not neces-

sarily the whole list of entrance requirements that are necessary for full matriculation. Last summer there were teachers here from almost every state in the union, from the east, from the far west, and from the south particularly, in addition to those from the more immediate middle west. Many lectures outside of regular courses are given during the summer and there are throughout the quarter conferences upon methods of teaching. Many instructors, because of the great eagerness of the summer students, are coming to prefer to remain for that quarter. But whatever gaps are of necessity left in the teaching force, other universities for the sake of closer affiliation are glad to fill with able men.

The university has a good general library, but most of the actual work with its books is done in the departmental libraries, of which there are some twenty immediately connected each with the seat of its department. The university, however, does not consider its work to end with the ordinary work of instruction. One of the other live parts is the press, which among other matters attends to the publication of some ten journals and reviews. But perhaps the most important of these allied functions is university extension. This department does its work in three ways, by lectures, class work and correspondence. Almost all extension work done elsewhere has been under the first of these sys-The lectures offered have proved very popular, and in addition to the many who give extension work along with their regular university work, a number of men are employed solely for this work. Work of this kind is mainly within a radius of a hundred miles of Chicago, but many successful courses have been given at much greater distances, especially where it has been possible to arrange circuits among a series of neighboring cities. The class work is done only in the immediate vicinity of Chicago. The courses that are given in most cases correspond to courses that are actually given at the university. The work is done mostly in the evening or on Saturdays and meets a welcome among many who are unable to attend the regular courses. Credit for this work is given only when a pupil passes at the university the examinations at the conclusion of the corresponding course. The correspondence work also is proving well worth while. It is attended to with much care by regular university instructors and great pains are taken to make it really substantial. Here also credit is given, but only after examination at the university. Further, only a limited proportion of non-resident work is available toward a degree.

Another department is that of university affiliations. This refers to a bond of co-operation which the university holds itself ready to establish between itself and smaller colleges and academies. Certain benefits are to be had by each party to this union. The affiliated school becomes a university feeder, while on the other hand the university gives it certain assistance in its work. It does its work under the supervision of the university and under the university's seal of approval. Love of independence has prevented so far any great reception of the idea among colleges. There are numerous academies, however, which seem to thrive under the system.

By the way, the university is absolutely coeducational — woman shares all the advantages with man. There are women on the faculty and there are women fellows. The lack of universities in the east giving to women the best opportunities for graduate study has resulted in sending to Chicago great numbers of graduates of eastern women's colleges.

The social life at the university takes its character from the fact that the university is in a large city. It is rather formal, and necessarily in a university of such wide interests it does not begin to have the unity that many a man remembers with so much pleasure from his own college days. The nucleus of social life is the campus life, life in the "house." There are seven dormitories on the campus; the members of each constitute a house; each house is represented by a member of the faculty These houses are very largely self-governing bodies; as counselor. they can determine with how much luxury they wish their rooms furnished, and, further, they have the right to exclude from life in the house any one whom they may see fit to so exclude. Until voted in by the house, one's membership is merely tentative. So far I do not know that this right has been exercised, but some time in the future it may become a factor of some importance. It is thought that in time each house will come to have a character of its own. In fact, this in a degree is true now.

The women's halls have dining-rooms as well as large parlors and are delightful places in which to live, at least so they seem to a man when once in awhile he gets a sight of their interior at a reception or a Welsh rarebit party. The men's halls are pleasant and convenient, too, and the life is decidedly interesting, but the lack of commons is inconvenient. As to their meals university men live a nomadic life. Nearly every Monday throughout the year there is a reception at one of the women's halls to which every one connected with the university is invited. These form one of the most pleasant features of university life.

The social life among the faculty is far from being uninteresting. The Quadrangle Club, to which all members of the faculty are eligible, supplies the same elements that are furnished a business man by his down-town club. A pleasant building adjoining the campus contains parlors, dining-room, billiard-room and other pleasant features. On the

sunken lawns of the campus are the faculty tennis courts and near by a greater number of student courts. Tennis is a great game at the university from head professor to freshman.

Athletics, under the management of Stagg, began to flourish as soon as the university began. Besides the natural interest of the students they have the heartiest encouragement from the university itself. The field, Marshall field, is just north of the campus.

There must of necessity remain many interesting features of university life that I have not touched upon. I have tried only to give an outline of what seems most characteristic—in all our American colleges there flows the same current of study and play and song and banter; but at each college its waters take a somewhat different hue. Here where there is no age nor customs the water is singularly clear. Nothing has obscured the idea that this is a place to study. I doubt if anywhere there is more earnestness and eagerness to learn.

Chicago, February 20, 1897.

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THE FRATERNITY SYSTEM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

The marvelous growth of the University of Chicago and the prominent position which it has taken in the educational world during the brief period of its existence has attracted the attention and enlisted the admiration of nearly every one interested in educational matters. Results which in many cases have taken more than a century to accomplish will undoubtedly be realized in twenty-five years or less at Chicago. This wonderful development, with the many unique features connected with its organization which have tended to make the institution permanent, have led not only many of the younger western societies, but also the older eastern fraternities to seek the new institution as a field for extension. The various movements, however, toward the establishment of chapters at the university have been on the whole very conservative. This has been necessary from the attitude of hostility which was assumed by the authorities of the university at the beginning and which has not entirely died out even at the present time. It was the hope of many of the early trustees and others who had to do with the organization of the university to make it, like Princeton in the east, the great non-fraternity institution of the west. This sentiment, however, did not receive sufficient support to take the form of a prohibitive rule, and during the first two years it was announced that fraternities would be allowed to exist, but it was to be with the open disapproval of the authorities. The organization of local clubs was encouraged and to some extent the movement was successful. However, the esprit de corps which is so noticeable in the older institutions had not secured a foothold. The student body knew no traditions, and therefore the attempts to arouse its enthusiasm in social matters were entirely unsuccessful. However, as time went on interest in the general affairs of the school began to grow. Athletics took an important part in the life of the university, and the organization of successful glee and mandolin clubs served not a little to stimulate college life. The principal cause for the lack of interest in social matters during the early days was the presence of very large numbers of graduate students who could not be relied upon to enter into the life as undergraduates do. For a time the colleges were nearly lost sight of in the rapid growth of the graduate school. The attitude of antagonism on the part of the faculty and trustees prevented the establishment of any fraternity in the university during the first year. However, those who had the most faith in the institution looked upon it as a promising field, and it was well known that several fraternities were laying plans to install chapters. The first fraternity to establish itself was Delta Kappa Epsilon on December 23, 1893. This was followed very soon afterward by the initiation of a chapter of Phi Kappa Psi January 6, 1894, and of Beta Theta Pi January 25, 1804. Since then the following fraternities have been organized: Sigma Nu, January 2, 1895; Alpha Delta Phi, March, 1896; Sigma Chi, January 23, 1897, and Phi Delta Theta, February 18, 1897. Besides the fraternities mentioned above the sophomore society of Theta Nu Epsilon supports an organization, and a local senior society called the Owl and Serpent has a membership of some of the more popular of the fraternity men. Several local clubs also exert some influence in university matters, the principal one being the Omega Club, which is now petitioning Psi Upsilon for a charter. As yet none of the national sororities have founded chapters, and the early opposition which was manifested toward the fraternities seems to still exist in relation to the organization of ladies' societies. Several clubs are in existence which number among their members some of the most well known young ladies in the university.

The rejection of a charter by the triumvirs of Sigma Chi to petitioners in 1894 is now looked upon as a judicious decision. The university for many reasons at that time was not in a position to support a fourth fraternity, and, although some of the petitioners were exceptional men, the movement would undoubtedly have been a failure. The present petitioners have among their number some of the most well known students in the university, and, with the loyal support which they are receiving from the alumni of Chicago, the success of the undertaking is practically assured. The young chapter has assumed the responsibility of a chapter house located at 5716 Rosalie court, and it is hoped that with the opening of the coming year much larger and more convenient quarters may be secured. All of the fraternities are occupying chapter houses, and as a whole the membership in the various organizations is of a most excellent character. In point of numbers Delta Kappa Epsilon comes first with a chapter roll of twenty men. Sigma Nu numbers sixteen, Alpha Delta Phi fourteen, Beta Theta Pi twelve, Phi Kappa Psi twelve, Phi Delta Theta nine and Sigma Chi eight.

That the fraternity system has become an important factor in the life of the University of Chicago there is no longer any doubt. There is a much better feeling on every hand toward the organizations, and a statement made by President Harper in his quarterly report for the autumn of 1895 fully sets forth the present attitude of the faculty and trustees toward fraternities. I quote him on the subject of student organizations:

"The faculty of arts, literature and science has taken up for fresh consideration, in the light of the experience of three and a half years, the question of student organizations, including Greek letter fraternities. Instead of the old policy in accordance with which fraternities were admitted under certain regulations, and at the same time with the disapproval of the authorities, there has been adopted a new policy in accordance with which all student organizations are brought under direct inspection of the university council, while groups of six or more students living together as an organization are required to organize themselves also as houses of the university in accordance with the general rules of such houses. This action contemplates a close and sympathetic interest on the part of the university, which will now co-operate with the societies to bring about the best possible results. The university under no circumstances will interfere in the legitimate exercise of the privilege of fraternities. It will undertake, however, to elevate and purify that life so far as this can be done by influences working from within as well as from without."

The rules regarding the organization of chapter houses were adopted December 7, 1895, by the committee on student organizations and the board of trustees, and are as follows:

1. Each organization will file with the university council: (1) Its name; (2) a list of members; (3) such statement of purposes and methods as may be required.

- 2. It will appoint a representative who shall be the official medium of communication with the university authorities.
- 3. Eligibility to membership will be subject to such restrictions as may be required by the council.
- 4. Any organization which may be disapproved by the council shall cease to exist. The council will at any time have the right to disapprove of any existing or proposed organization.
- 5. Such organizations as may occupy distinct buildings or rooms as residences shall be organized as university houses under the general rules governing houses.

Another important faculty regulation is that prohibiting any fraternity from initiating or pledging a freshman until he has been a student in the university six months. This rule does away with much of the rushing at the opening of the school year which is so common in most schools and has the double advantage of protecting both the societies and the candidates. It is very generally observed, and the supervision which the university has taken in regard to fraternities is looked upon by all as most wise and judicious measures. The provisions in no way limit the activities of the organizations, and as the system becomes better known it is coming to be looked upon with great favor by all of the fraternities.

Newman Miller, Alpha Pi, '93.

The University of Chicago, February 19, 1897.

THE INITIATION OF THE OMICRON OMICRON CHAPTER.

"Gone to Chicago to attend a Sigma Chi banquet." So read the docket of the probate court of Hamilton county, Ohio, for Saturday, the 6th day of February. The same loyalty that lead him to suspend business for three days to entertain the twenty-second Grand Chapter caused Judge Howard Ferris to adjourn his court so that he and his chief clerk, Brother James M. Sprague, Mu, '92, might be present at a Sig celebration to be held in Chicago.

In early January Brother George Carr Purdy, Alpha Phi, '92, chairman of the executive committee of the Chicago alumni chapter, issued half a thousand invitations to Sigs in the northwest bidding them to be present at a grand combination of initiation and banquet to be held in Chicago in February. The former was booked for hall 412 Masonic Temple, and the latter for the Chicago Athletic Association. In response to these yellow summonses more than one hundred Sigs met on the

afternoon of the 6th instant to lend their presence and accumulated experience to the success of the ceremony. It was the grandest aggregation of Sigs Chicago has enjoyed since the lurid days of that special in 1893. There was the genial Judge Charles M. Dawson, Theta, '69; the staid Judge Frank Baker, Gamma, '61; the generous ex-Grand Consul Frank M. Elliot, Omega, '77; the honored Judge Lorin C. Collins, Omega, '72; the wheel-horse Walter L. Fisher, Chi, '83. From Cincinnati came George D. Harper, Zeta Psi, '91; Louis A. Ireton, Gamma, '93, and James M. Sprague, Mu, '92. From Milwaukee came F. P. and H. C. Tibbits, Alpha Lambda, '89 and '94; E. M. Dexter, Alpha Lambda, '92; J. P. Balding, Kappa Kappa, '95, and C. B. Raymond, Alpha Lambda, '92. Champaign sent W. A. Heath, F. Way Woody and F. D. Rugg, Kappa Kappa, '83, '96 and '82. From Aurora came F. Hedley Jobbins, Nu Nu, '95, and A. J. Nichols, Alpha Lambda, '99. Fort Wayne was represented by Judge Dawson; Minneapolis by M. H. Gerry, Alpha Sigma, '90, and Alpha Phi; Dallas, Tex., by E. Dick Slaughter, Alpha Nu, '95; Sparta, Wis., by Louis T. Hill, Alpha Lambda, 94; Centerville, Iowa, by Charles W. Vermillion, Xi and Theta Theta, '89; Beloit, Wis., by George B. Ingersoll, Alpha Zeta, '89. The chapters in the neighborhood, Omega, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Pi, Delta Delta and Kappa Kappa, were each represented by delegations.

From a neighboring village called Hyde Park the candidates were brought by omnibus to the Temple. The usual preliminaries occurred, during which the Northwestern boys seemed desirous to square themselves because of a certain gridiron game wherein Initiate Roby had worsted Initiator Van Doozer. It may be parenthetically added that the assemblage without a dissenting voice awarded the honors of the day to the defeated men of Evanston. After all this was over the candidates were put through the ritualistic ceremony by the following officers: Consul, Brother Walter L. Fisher, ex-grand consul, Chi, '83; proconsul, Brother Herbert C. Arms, grand praetor of the fifth province, Kappa Kappa, '94, magister, Brother Frank M. Elliott, ex-grand consul, Omega, '77; custos, Brother Jesse P. Van Doozer, Omega, '98. Brother Walter H. Reynolds, Beta, '86, delivered the charge in an acceptable manner and presented the charter with a happy speech.

It was then six o'clock and the brothers remembered the purpose for which they had each surrendered certain dollars to Brother Purdy. Soon after seven o'clock one hundred and twenty-five sat down at the long tables of the Athletic Club. Brother Robert C. Spenser, Alpha Lambda, had designed a neat menu cover and the committee of arrange-

ments had seen to it that the inside pages were as attractive as the cover. As all good Sigs are good trencher men, great joy and satisfaction was manifested as course succeeded course. At last, after the inevitable coffee and Roquefort had come and gone and "The Sigma Chi" and cigars had been produced, Brother John A. Henry, Gamma, '68, president of the association, called the following roll: "Our Initiates," Dr. E. Wyllys Andrews, Omega, '78; "Our Guests," Mr. Walter L. Fisher, Chi, '83; "Obiter Dicta," Judge Frank Baker, Gamma, '61; "The Solid South," Mr. E. Dick Slaughter, Alpha Nu, '95, Dallas, Tex.; "Our Ties," Rev. W. Francis Irwin, Chi, '87; "Sigma Chi in Song," Mr. Herbert C. Arms, Kappa Kappa, '95; "Red Letter Days," Mr. George D. Harper, Zeta Psi, '91, Cincinnati, O.; "The Chicago Alumni Chapter," Judge Charles M. Dawson, Theta, '69, Fort Wayne, Ind.; "We Have Come to Stay," Merrill P. Griffith, Alpha Gamma and Omicron Omicron, '97; "Sigma Chi in Michigan," Mr. Neil Hamblen. Alpha Pi, '99, Albion, Mich.; "The East," Mr. William H. Merrill, Jr., Alpha Theta, '89; "Bookmakers," George Ade and John T. Mc-Cutcheon, Delta Delta; "Indiana," Harry S. Badet, Delta Delta, Lafayette, Ind.; "Sigma Chi in Politics," ex-Judge Lorin C. Collins, Jr., Omega, '72; "I Come Not Here to Talk," Judge Howard Ferris, Mu, '76, Cincinnati, O.

The responses were of the Sigma Chi type—plenty of fun, but never without the ring of love and loyalty for the White Cross. Judge Baker was the age limit of the night, for he remarked that he would soon complete forty-one years as a Sig. The three other judges, Brothers Collins, Dawson and Ferris, are not far behind. Brother Purdy read a letter of greeting from the Cornell chapter, Alpha Phi, to Omicron Omicron, and messages from Brothers C. W. Moores, Indianapolis, Ind.; F. W. Ranno, LaPorte, Ind.; Howard Morrison, Madison, Wis.; E. V. Williamson, Glendale, O.; G. P. Diehl, Cincinnati, O.; W. Asbury Christian, Lynchburg, Va.; James W. Newman, Portsmouth, O.; S. T. Mather, Elizabeth, N. J.; Norman B. Williams, Bloomington, and Horatio N. Kelsey, en route at Evansville, Ind. Brother Newman Miller, of the University of Chicago, read the following extract from a letter he had received from Gen. Ben P. Runkle, grand consul, from Cincinnati, O.: "I wish to say specially to these young brothers who are with us and of us for the first time to-night that Sigma Chi was conceived by the spirit of fraternity, born of unselfish brotherly love, and lives to make life brighter, truer, more manly and better worth living. I repeat, Sigma Chi exists for the free and unlimited development of American gentlemen coined in the mint of good-fellowship from sterling metal wherever found, and current wherever courage, good manners and true-hearted companionship is loved among men."

The following are those who were present:

OMICRON OMICRON.

Melvin E. Coleman.
P. M. Griffith, Alpha Gamma.
Herbert A. Abernathy.
Charles F. Roby.

Victor W. Sincere. Sumner M. Samson. Edward Roby. William Black.

OMEGA.

G. W. Seiberling, 'oo.
Frank Bennett, '99.
Chester Sloan, 'oo.
Percy Pickerell, '99.
L. C. Collins, Third, 'oo.
E. W. McGrew, '99.
W. J. Sweeney, '99.
Jay Kirkman, 'oo.
C. R. Barnard, '99.
Clarence Mowry, '97.
Roy Warren, '98.
C. Pendleton, '98.
Fred W. Wing, 'oo.
Jesse P. Van Doozer, '99.
Judge Lorin C. Collins, '72.

Frank M. Elliott, '77.
W. M. Booth, '78.
Dr. E. W. Andrews, '78.
Dr. F. T. Andrews, '81.
O. McG. Howard, '89.
Dr. W. C. Wise, '90.
Myron H. Hunt, '92.
W. T. Alden, '92.
F. B. Cozzens, '92.
H. E. Ambler, '94.
R. J. Kerr, '94.
Carl Latham, '94.
N. M. Hutchison, '95.
H. R. Marshall, '98.

H. S. Badet, '99. F. P. Gibson, '98. Tom Barnes, '99. Van W. Alling, '97. W. D. Mann, '97. George Ade, '87.

J. T. McCutcheon, '89.
J. F. Hutchison, '89.
A. R. Vinnedge, '82.
W. J. Etten, '92.
L. A. Downs, '94.
Ben McCutcheon, '97.

R. C. Spencer, Jr., '86.

R. C. Cornish, '97. L. W. Myers, '93.

H. G. Spensley, '94.

A. C. Wilkinson, '94.

F. P. Tibbits, '89.

W. H. Merrill, Jr., '89.

ALPHA LAMBDA.

H. C. Tibbits, '94.
A. J. Nichols, '99.
E. M. Dexter, '92.
Louis T. Hill, '94.
C. B. Raymond, '92.

ALPHA THETA.

E. L. Andrews, '94.

ALPHA ZETA.

T. T. Rigg, '98.

G. W. Fenton, '99.

L. R. Moore, '98.

F. H. Meadows, 'oo.

George B. Ingersoll, '89.

KAPPA KAPPA.

G. N. Morgan, '84.

W. A. Heath, '83.

C. B. Kimball, '94.

F. Way Woody, '96.

H. C. Arms, '95.

V. A. Matteson, '95.

G. C. Purdy, '92.

S. D. Boynton, '93.

W. B. Greenlee, '95.

W. L. Fisher, '83.

C. Alling, '85; Theta Theta, '88.

James Todd, '87.

H. H. Carpenter, '79.

G. B. Dorsey, '95.

Neil Hamblen, '00.

C. H. Sharer, '92.

Judge Frank Baker, '61.

Hon. John A. Henry, '68.

C. B. Eyer, '88.

F. L. Grant, '92.

F. L. Hume, '86.

J. W. Porter, '91.

John R. Hoagland, '69.

C. S. Pellett, '86.

F. F. Norcross, '87.

A. F. Evans, '91.

R. K. Rockwell, '96.

E. W. Pickard, '88.

F. D. Rugg, '82.

George Frederickson, '94.

C. B. Burdick, '95.

J. P. Balding, '95.

ALPHA PHI.

W. H. Beebe, Jr., '96.

Louis J. Hall, '96.

CHI.

Rev. W. Francis Irwin, 87.

F. Crozier, '92; Theta Theta, '95.

James Sprague, '92.

Judge Howard Ferris, '76.

ALPHA PI.

Newman Miller, '93.

R. G. McDonald, '93.

GAMMA.

Louis Ireton, '93.

THETA THETA.

George B. Shattuck, '90.

BETA.

DELTA CHI.

Judge Charles M. Dawson, '69.

ALPHA IOTA.

L. L. Loehr, '85.

J. C. Nate, '90.

ALPHA EPSILON.

H. B. Hicks, '91.

MU MU.

A. F. Rader, '96.

NU NU.

F. Headley Jobbins, '95.

George D. Harper, '91.

ALPHA SIGMA.

M. H. Gerry, '90.

ALPHA NU.

E. Dick Slaughter, '95.

XI.

Charles W. Vermillion, '87.

FRANK CROZIER, CHI, '92, THETA THETA, '94.

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JOHN JAMES PIATT.

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Two of the famous poets of the United States and of the world's honored poets are among us after an absence of thirteen years in the British isles. No worthier name is enrolled among the Sigma Chis than that of John James Piatt, Gamma, '61. A man of unusual modesty and strong common sense, he has been honored for many years as a government office holder in many capacities. The longest period of service was his consulship at Cork and Dublin, which he held for thirteen years through several administrations. In beginning this sketch of Mr. Piatt I feel tempted to quote from an article in the Central Magazine, Cleveland, O., for May, 1896, entitled "The Poetic Voice of Ohio," which began thus: "In the course of a rather extended critique Bayard Taylor once took occasion to remark 'If Ohio did but know it John James Piatt is the poetic voice of Ohio.' This voice, first recognized by Mr. Taylor, has ever since been heard singing chiefly the themes of his native west.

Mr. Piatt began his school career in the very room where his distinguished relative, Maj. Gen. Richard S. Canby, U. S. A., received his earliest training. In 1859 Mr. George D. Prentice when transmitting certain of Mr. Piatt's poems to Mr. J. R. Lowell, then editing the Atlantic Monthly, said: "If these poems are published I do not doubt they will be attributed to some of the already famous American poets, notwithstanding their peculiar originality of thought and tone." As Mr. Prentice predicted, one of the poems entitled "The Morning Street" was attributed to both Longfellow and Emerson and widely copied. However, before we treat further of his works let us speak more in detail of the author himself. Mr. Piatt is of French descent, his ancestors having immigrated to the Island of St. Thomas early in the eighteenth century and thence to New Jersey, settling there prior to the revolutionary war, in which his great grandfather, William Piatt, served as captain. Capt. Piatt was one of the original members of the Society of the Cincinnati, his certificate of membership, now in the possession of his great grandson, being signed by Gen. George Washington. Piatt's grandfather inherited the martial spirit and while commanding a company in the war of 1812 had charge of the garrison of Ellis Island, New York city. John B. Piatt, father of our author, was born in New York and married Miss Emily Scott, a Philadelphia lady. He came

west to a place now called Milton, in Indiana, where John James Piatt was born March 1, 1835, and it was at Rising Sun that he began his education. In 1845 his father removed to Columbus, O., where John James continued his studies for three years. Then another removal to a rural locality gave him more experience in log school house training. At the age of fourteen young Piatt went into the office of the Ohio State Journal, published at that time by his uncle, Charles Scott, to learn the printing business. After an interval he attended high school in Columbus and went thence to Kenyon College, where he remained until he was eighteen years old. In those days he began to write verses. the family removed to an Illinois prairie farm. Through the influence of a college mate residing in Louisville, Ky., he became a contributor to the Louisville Journal and soon became an intimate associate of Hon. George D. Prentice, who proved a life-long friend. In 1860 Mr. Piatt in company with his friend, W. D. Howells, published a book entitled "Poems of Two Friends." Its pages contain the earlier drafts of certain poems, for example, "The Forgotten Well," "If," "The Yellow Leaf in the Poet's Book," and "The Morning Street," which reappear in Mr. Piatt's later volumes made clearer and mellower by age.

In May, 1861, Mr. Piatt was appointed clerk in the United States treasury department and three months later was married to Miss Sallie Morgan Bryan, of Kentucky. In 1864 Mr. and Mrs. Piatt published "Nests at Washington and Other Poems." "Poems in Sunlight and Firelight" appeared from the Cincinnati press in 1866 and was followed by "Western Windows and Other Poems" in 1869.

In June, 1867, Mr. Piatt resigned his place in the treasury to accept an editorial position on the Cincinnati *Chronicle* and later became one of the staff of the Cincinnati *Commercial*. In 1870 he accepted an appointment as assistant clerk of the United States house of representatives and the following year was elected librarian of the house. About this time he published "Landmarks and Other Poems," many of them written at his old home at North Bend, O. Among these are: "Pioneer's Chimneys," "Mowers in Ohio," "Walking to the Station," "The Peach Blossoms," etc.

In 1861 Mr. Piatt was elected by the Sigma Chi to deliver the poem before the biennial convention, which was held at Wheeling, Va., on the 16th and 17th of April of that year. He wrote and read on that occasion a poem entitled "The Library Window," which was published by the fraternity in pamphlet form, but has never been included in any of his books. He has, however, published one or two fragments taken from it, one of which, from a volume entitled "The Ghost's Entry" (Archibald, Constable & Co., London), may be quoted as follows:

FROM THE WINDOW OF A GREAT LIBRARY.

"The dead alive and busy."—HENRY VAUGHAN.

Without, wind-lifted, look, a little rose, (From the great Summer's heart its life-blood flows), For some fond spirit to reach and kiss and bless. Climbs to the casement, brings the lovely wraith Of the Sun's quick-blooded world of joyousness Into this still world of enchanted breath! And, far away, behold the dust arise From streets white-hot into the sunny skies! The city murmurs; in the sunshine beats, Through all its giant veins of throbbing streets, The heart of Business, on whose sweltering brow The dew shall sleep to-night-forgotten now, There rush the many, toiling as but one; There swarm the hiving myriads in the sun; There all the mighty troubled day is loud (Business the god whose voice is of the crowd); And, far above the sea-horizon blue. Like sea-birds, sails are hovering into view. There move the living; here the dead that move; (In the still book-world rests the noiseless lever That moves the noisy thronged world forever;) Below the living move; the dead, above.

Mr. Piatt was again invited to read a poem before a convention of the Sigma Chi which met at Delaware, O., in 1868, and for that occasion wrote "The Lost Farm," which was published a few years later in the volume entitled "Landmarks, the Lost Farm and Other Poems." A third time Mr. Piatt was elected to deliver a poem before the convention meeting in 1884, but being abroad as consul at Cork, very much to his regret, it was impossible for him to accept the honor.

Mr. Piatt's career in the consular service reflects great credit upon himself and his record is one of which the fraternity may be proud. He was appointed consul at Cork by President Arthur in April, 1882, and made himself so popular among the people of his consular district that when President Cleveland began his first term a memorial was sent to him by the mayor of Cork officially through the mayor of New York highly complimenting Mr. Piatt as a man and public officer and asking that he should be permitted to continue as the American representative. This memorial was signed among others (including the principal magis-

trates, merchants, bankers, etc.) by the late Charles Stewart Parnell, then the powerful member of parliament from Cork city. At the beginning of President Harrison's term a somewhat similar memorial also signed by Mr. Parnell and other representatives in parliament, together with leading officials and citizens of Cork, was forwarded to the president by the mayor then in office, and Mr. Piatt remained undisturbed at that consulate until January, 1893, when he was transferred to the consulate at Dublin. He entered upon his duties at Dublin in April, 1893. Two months later Dublin papers published a cablegram announcing the appointment of a new consul. This news created a wide feeling of deprecation and indignation among Mr. and Mrs. Piatt's friends in Ireland and all the principal journals of Dublin and Cork published leading editorials urging Mr. Piatt's retention. Subsequently a memorial signed by the lord mayor of Dublin, forty-seven members of parliament and all the leading citizens of that city was forwarded to President Cleveland asking that Mr. Piatt might be allowed to represent the United States at the Irish capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Piatt published several books, including a small volume entitled "At the Holy Well and Other Poems." The latter contains five poems referring to his residence in Ireland, among them the following ode which has been widely copied in magazines and reviews:

IRELAND.

A SEASIDE PORTRAIT.

A great, still Shape, alone, She sits (her harp has fallen) on the sand, And sees her children, one by one, depart; Her cloak (that hides what sins besides her own!) Wrapped fold on fold about her. Lo! She comforts her fierce heart. As wailing some, and some gay-singing go, With the far vision of a greater land Deep in the Atlantic skies, St. Brandon's Paradise! Another woman there, Mighty and wondrous fair, Stands on her shore-rock—one uplifted hand Holds a quick, piercing light That keeps long sea-ways bright; She beckons with the other, saying "Come, Oh, landless, shelterless,

Sharp-faced with hunger, worn with long distress—Come hither, finding home!

Lo! my new fields of harvest! open, fill,

By winds of blessing blown,

Where golden corn blades shake from sea to sea—

Fields without walls that all the people own!"

Mr. Piatt was elected to write and read an ode July 22, 1896, at Cleveland, O., the centennial celebration occurring at that date, which was Founders' Day. The ode is in six parts and very fine. Harper's Weekly published it in full. He only added to his reputation by this his latest work. The ode begins:

"Praise to the sower of the seed, The planter of the tree!——"

He read it before a large and appreciative audience and it was well received by the critics as well as the people. Senator Joseph Hawley, of Connecticut, was orator of the day.

The biography of Mr. Piatt would be incomplete and unsatisfactory without some notice of his wife and gifted co-worker. Mrs. Piatt is recognized everywhere as one of the leading female poets of America. She ingratiated herself with the Irish people even far more than Mr. Piatt by publishing three small volumes entitled "An Irish Garland," "An Irish Wild Flower" and "In Primrose Time and Other Poems." Perhaps, although both have been warmly appreciated by the best critics at home, Mr. and Mrs. Piatt have received the highest praise abroad. The best critical authorities of England, Scotland and Ireland have warmly commended both, although doubtless the highest praise has been awarded to Mrs. Piatt.

LALLA MCMICKEN RUNKLE.

THE INCORPORATION OF SIGMA CHI.

The committee appointed by Grand Consul Runkle to revise the Constitution of the Sigma Chi Fraternity has unanimously reported (among other important changes) a proposition for the incorporation of the Fraternity. By the request of Brother Crozier I undertake as one of that committee to state briefly some of the reasons why the Fraternity should become a corporate body, with all the rights incidental to such an existence.

As is well known to all lawyers, a corporation is an artificial being, created by law for the purpose of carrying on, as an individual might, the purposes for which it is incorporated. When the necessary legal requirements have been fully and properly complied with, a corporation becomes a creature or person in the eyes of the law, and as such possesses many rights that a natural person attains when he reaches the age of majority. Chief among the rights with which a corporation becomes so endowed are:

- 1. The right to have a corporate name and seal, under and by which it can carry on and transact its business;
- 2. The right to own and enjoy property in its own name for its corporate purposes;
- 3. The right to sue and be sued in the courts—in other words, to enforce its rights and respond to liabilities in its own individual capacity.

The question for consideration, therefore, is: What advantage will accrue to Sigma Chi by the acquisition of these enumerated powers? They naturally intermingle and influence and control each other, but they may be considered separately in their order, and,

First: The right to a corporate name and seal.

This is an age of combination and co-operation in all departments of life. To successfully compete with rival organizations it is essential that our organization be effected in as simple, complete and homogeneous form as possible. Prompt action and united effort must be attained. And that, too, in a way that will inspire confidence and establish credit. In no other way can this be achieved except in the form recognized and authorized by law; viz: a corporate body.

The Sigma Chi Fraternity in its present form is a mere association of individuals, under a conglomerate name. There is no legal entity having a name under and by which business can be legally transacted. Not

only that, but the numerous persons composing the association are widely scattered in the various States of the Union, and any one dealing with the Fraternity as it now is, of necessity, is dealing merely with the few individuals in his own locality; they alone compose the association so far as he is able to know and deal with it. The result is, the social and financial good name and credit which can come from the whole is unknown and lost in the separate and weakened position and responsibility of the few in each particular locality. A corporate name and organization of the whole would inure to the mutual benefit of each.

Second: The right to own and enjoy property.

The college fraternity of to-day has outgrown the mere college club, to be forgotten when commencement day is over. It has become a great medium of social and individual advancement. And that fraternity is fairly in the lead that is best able to afford opportunities to its members, both in and out of college. Like every other organization of the day, designed to wield influence, the power of a college fraternity is largely dependent upon its financial condition. If it is well-to-do, it can afford opportunities and advantages that it cannot offer if it is weak and distressed—without financial means or credit. Sigma Chi, as it now is, can own no property, since it has no being or recognition in the law. The only way property can now be held for the benefit of the Fraternity is in the name of some person acting as trustee, or a separate corporate organization of a particular chapter. To meet modern needs and necessities the Fraternity must own and control its own property and have all the reputation and credit of such a position. The day is not far distant when every chapter must have its own chapter-house, and the Fraternity as such owes itself the duty to acquire the wealth and property for that and kindred purposes. And it must do so in its own name, in order that when once acquired it will not be liable to be lost and frittered away. Every old alumnus can tell a story of contribution and expenditure of money he has made, from time to time, for his chapter. The money has generally been spent on furniture and hall decorations, which in time have been worn out and cast aside. chapter is strong the property so acquired is comparatively safe, but when reverses come and it dwindles in numbers and position, the chapter property becoming a burden, is sold at a sacrifice.

Again, suppose a fine chapter-house is acquired by some chapter at the cost of great tribulation and effort of its alumni and the Fraternity at large. Being under the control and domination of the active members of the chapter, what is to prevent them from foolishly disposing of it, or, worse still, taking it with them entire into some rival organization because of some real or fancied grievance against Sigma Chi?

Alumni are tired of contributing money upon any such uncertain and transitory a foundation. They want assurance when they donate to the good cause that their means are to be devoted exclusively and permanently to that cause. This can be accomplished only by Sigma Chi at large receiving and owning the wealth so received, and devoted by it to the high ends it seeks to accomplish. There are many wealthy members of the Fraternity, and can it not be reasonably hoped that when once the Fraternity properly enters upon its high calling, by attaining a legal corporate existence, some of them may leave large bequests to aid its work?

I confidently believe that in time sufficient property and means can be acquired to carry on all the Fraternity machinery without a dollar of tax being levied upon the young men in college, most of whom, as is well known, can illy afford to carry such expense, and only do so at great personal sacrifice, because of their regard for the Fraternity and the absolute necessity of so doing.

Third: The right to sue and be sued in courts of justice.

It is to be hoped that the Fraternity when once incorporated will have little cause to resort to the courts, either as plaintiff or defendant. But the right of recognition in the law is inseparable from the right of existence. Every person, whether natural or corporate, is liable to be driven to the courts to obtain redress of wrongs. For instance, if the Fraternity owns property, that property may be injured or destroyed, and the Fraternity placed under the necessity of recovering therefor.

Again, the Fraternity may desire to make a contract; e. g., the publication of a catalogue. It is unnecessary to suggest how much more reasonable the work can be had if the parties dealing with the Fraternity can do so, knowing of its legal existence and credit. If the contract price is not forthcoming the publisher should have the right to hold the Fraternity at large responsible therefor in court, and not be under the unjust necessity of pursuing the two or three men who have, in good faith, for the benefit of the Fraternity, and in its behalf, made the contract.

Much more might be written in behalf of the incorporation of Sigma Chi, but enough has been said to cause thoughtful persons to carefully consider the subject, and when they do so many accruing advantages will suggest themselves. The writer well remembers the "Old Alpha" regime, under which Sigma Chi was trebly handicapped by an incompetent and ineffective government. The present system of government cured many of the evils and started Sigma Chi upon the high-

way of prosperity and success. It has well sufficed up to the present, but the time has come for still greater achievement.

The Committee on Constitutional Revision has given the subject the most careful consideration and investigation. A thorough perusal of the amended constitution, as prepared by the committee, will well repay those interested in the subject. Chief among the means proposed for the glory of the white cross is to give it actual existence in the eyes of the law. It is sincerely to be hoped the next Biennial Convention will help to realize the high hopes for Sigma Chi of those who have the greatest confidence in her high destiny.

Incorporation is one of the means to that great end.

ORVILLE S. BRUMBACK.

SOME FURTHER REASONS FOR INCORPORATION.

Brother Crozier has kindly furnished me with a copy of his editorial on the subject of the incorporation of the Fraternity, in which he cleverly criticizes some of the reasons adduced by me for incorporation. With the old adage vividly before me to "never get into a newspaper controversy with an editor," I venture to briefly defend my views, feeling assured that the adage is not applicable to the Sigma Chi Quarterly.

Brother Crozier prefaces his article with the statement that he "is not prepared to endorse the contemplated step, nor yet to oppose it," and yet his article savors most strongly of opposition. He asserts that "we who are inclined to be conservative should require strict proof from the advocates of the change. We know just where we stand now; we understand our powers and limitations, but we do not know where we would land if we became incorporated." This argument is always the one employed against reform and advancement. The writer well remembers how strenuously it was used when it was proposed to adopt the present system of government in opposition to the old Alpha regime. He who is satisfied with present conditions in life, and does not aspire to higher planes, generally fails in the realization of the highest success.

It is urged that the proposed constitution submitted by the committee does not designate who are to be directors or trustees. It must certainly be apparent, without argument, that this is a matter of mere detail, easily taken care of by the Grand Council, or by statutory enactment. It is also urged in this connection that the constitution fails to declare the purpose of our organization. The preamble certainly covers this objection. The purposes there embodied, when stated in the proper legal language, would be all that was necessary in articles of

incorporation. Of course, the incorporation would be in the form of one not for profit, and of like character, in many respects, with the usual form of church incorporation. Indeed, most of the arguments adduced by Brother Crozier would be of equal force in opposition to the incorporation of any church, hospital, college, or other like organizations not for profit. And yet all experience establishes the wisdom of their incorporation, and it is seldom omitted.

But it is said, "as a matter of practice, we now do everything we could do if incorporated; we can acquire real estate anywhere by means of trustees; we adopt, change and repeal constitutional sections and bylaws, and direct our business absolutely regardless and unfettered by the statutes of any State. If incorporated we would have to consider not only our own laws, but also the legislative enactments of the State to which we owe our corporate existence. Not only that, but we would be compelled to comply with the statutes of a great many other states."

If it were true that we can now do everything that we would be able to do if incorporated, then indeed incorporation would be futile. But as a matter of fact and law none of the things suggested in my former article can now be done by the Fraternity. True, real estate can be acquired in the name of trustees, but when so acquired the Fraternity takes the chances of the honesty of the trustees. And the trustee, being a natural person, is liable at any time to die. In either case, the laws of the State must be consulted to ascertain the manner of obtaining relief, the appointment of a successor, etc., and some sort of proceedings in court would ordinarily be necessary to accomplish it. So with respect to any other legal action of the Fraternity, even as it now exists, it is at all times necessary to consider "not only our own laws, but also the legislative enactments of the state."

Upon the other hand, a corporation never dies, but goes on with a continuous existence, enabling those composing it to acquire, own and dispose of property, without the risk incident to trusteeship. If any member of the Fraternity should desire, through the liberality of his heart to aid the Fraternity, while living, or in his will, after death, he must go through a long intricate legal formula—by the appointment of a trustee, etc., to take and hold the property in trust for the Fraternity, prescribing conditions, etc. It is hardly necessary to suggest that rather than cumber his will with such fruitful source of litigation most men would abandon the purpose. Why should not the Fraternity be in position, the same as any church or charitable institution, to take a gift direct, and devote the property so acquired to the furtherance of the Fraternity's worthy purposes?

The argument that because a certain number of the board of directors should be required to reside in the State where the incorporation is attained seems of little force; especially when, as suggested by Brother Crozier himself, "this may be avoided by giving the directors absolutely no power." If the argument in this respect is valid, then it is an evil to have as many managing officers of the Fraternity in Chicago as are now located there, controlling the Fraternity. The writer believes this is really an advantage, affording a nucleus of managing officials at one place where consultation and action can at any time be speedily had.

Brother Crozier further suggests that a corporate organization would not increase either our social or financial standing, and savs: "The financial responsibility of a non-commercial corporation would be a wholly unknown quantity, and any confidence they (other persons) would have would be because of their acquaintance with the person seeking credit on behalf of the corporation; in other words, people, I believe would rather deal with the representatives of the Fraternity, as now constituted, than to deal with a corporation of unknown standing." The vice of this argument is the assertion that the corporation would be of "unknown standing;" in other words, the argument is in a circle, assuming that the corporation being of "unknown standing" no financial or commercial credit would be acquired. I totally deny the premise. A corporation composed of four thousand members would certainly not be of "unknown standing," but they, together with the property acquired in its name, would give a high financial standing. Any person dealing with the corporation would have confidence, not only in "the person seeking credit on behalf of the corporation," but would have the credit also of the corporation itself upon which to rely.

Again, Brother Crozier says that he does not believe the incorporation of the Fraternity would eliminate the possibility of the Fraternity property being sacrificed and lost, and says that the chapter-house acquired by a chapter is not, under the present arrangement, under the control of the active chapter; that the alumni members assist in the control, and that "active members generally have very little influence in the corporation owning the property." The policy of incorporating an individual chapter seems to be here admitted. If good for one, why not good for all? If incorporate at all, why not do so in the most simple and complete manner without resort to a heterogenious complexity of corporations over which the general fraternity would have no real control? Nor do I believe it is true that the active members of a chapter have but little influence in the corporation owning the property. Upon the contrary, they have every influence. The alumni are widely scat-



tered, and, as a rule, leave the control largely to the active members, and it would be very easy in case of grievance for the active, and even alumni members, to combine in a secession from the Fraternity, taking with them all of the property owned. Under the new policy adopted by the Fraternity of aiding chapters in the acquisition of property from the general Fraternity fund, the Fraternity might thus suffer great and irreparable loss, as well as disgrace. So too, a chapter in a weakened condition, by the foolish action of a few active and alumni members in control, could determine on and carry through a sacrifice and waste of the Fraternity property, whether real or personal. The general Fraternity would have no power whatever under the existing condition of things to prevent such action. This argument alone would fairly seem sufficient to urge upon the Fraternity the wisdom of corporate organization.

So far as the right to sue and be sued in courts of justice is concerned, it is admitted "it is possible that some day some chapters will become involved in their real estate holdings." This is also true as respects their personal and individual rights. If litigation is to be undertaken it should be backed by the power of the Fraternity. A defeat may stigmatize the entire Fraternity, and it should be in position to assert its rights with all its ability.

But it is argued that the alumni, to whose energy and generosity a chapter usually owes its chapter-house, would not be satisfied or willing to contribute to such a purpose "if they knew that after their money had been given they would absolutely have no voice in the control of the property purchased." This again assumes an unwarranted proposition, namely, that the alumni of an individual chapter are to have no voice in the control of the property. An examination of Article 16 of the Constitution, as proposed by the committee, will show that almost the entire power of the regulation and control of a chapter's own revenues, property and local government is vested in the local chapter; the only limitation thereon being that it shall not take any action in conflict with the constitution or any enactment of the Fraternity. that under such conditions of control and preservation of the property alumni members would be encouraged to contribute much more liberally toward the acquisition of chapter-houses and other Fraternity property than under present conditions. They would then know that the money contributed to the good cause would remain intact and unimpaired, tobe devoted, in the future, to the great aims of the Fraternity.

ORVILLE S. BRUMBACK.

DELTA DELTA'S SMOKER.

Toward the close of the first term Delta Delta decided to have a smoker and alumni reunion. Enough alumni with vacant dates were found to assure the success of that feature, so preparations were begun.

The evening of December 18, 1896, found our halls crowded with a large band of jolly and congenial Sigs-brothers with gray hair (and some with none at all) who drank their cider, smoked, told stories and reclined on the window-seats side by side with the beardless undergraduate. After an hour of informal chatting and story-telling the meeting was formally called to order with Brother W. E. Beach, '80, in the He told of his pleasure at being with us after twenty years of membership in Sigma Chi, and after a few more remarks introduced Brother A. O. Reser, '82, the speaker of the evening. Brother Reser made quite an address, painting in pleasing and intensely interesting terms the history of the chapter during the sub rosa days—the fight with the faculty and the final triumph in the supreme court. Interspersed with this were many humorous stories of college and fraternity life of the period. Brothers Eldridge, Severson, Vinton, Downing and Coffroth made short addresses and covered completely the history of the chapter from the beginning to the present time, when the active members gladly helped out, as they had to tell of very little else than one continued round of success. Between the speeches the usual refreshments in vogue at smokers were served. When 10:30 rolled around this loyal band gave a good old Sig yell and said good-night.

The meeting was such a success that we have decided to make it an annual event in the chapter life as a fit companion to the commencement eve banquet. We would suggest to our sister chapters that they also hold similar meetings. They not only provide a rousing good time, but stir up the dormant interest of the alumni and impress the new brothers with the permanency of Sigma Chi and the respectful and affectionate light in which it is held by the alumni.

A typewritten copy of the minutes presented by Brother Reser has been put in the chapter scrap-book for future reference.

In addition to those already mentioned and the active chapter there were present: C. M. Bivens, '92; E. M. Davidson, '89; F. G. Brockenbrough, ex-'96; W. D. Mann, ex-'97; C. A. Mann, ex-'98; T. J. Barnes, ex-'99, and W. F. Murdock, Delta Chi, ex-'94.

B. G. Fernald.

Editorial.

The editor has recently witnessed an excellent example of the perverted conception which he fears may be prevalent among undergraduates as to the uses, objects and forms of initiations, an example which spoke most eloquently of what an initiation ought not to be. We deprecate the thought that these words are to be seen and read by representatives of the Greek world. But what are we to do? Is Sigma Chi to live forever under the system doubtlessly in vogue in too many of our chapters? There must be a reform in this thing, and the humiliation of a public confession is far preferable to the continuation of a baneful perversion of our initiatory ceremony. During the month of October, 1895, the editor, with others, was invited to be present at a certain initiation, He attended and witnessed a performance which can be properly qualified by only one word—repellant. He returned to Chicago and entered his protest in an editorial. At various times since, the QUARTERLY has contained communications and editorials on this subject; the fraternity magazines have quite generally approved the editor's sentiments; and a great many active and alumni members have expressed their approbation, while the chapter referred to, so far as its opinion has been made known, has been in accord with the editorial mentioned. But a year afterward that same chapter invites a number of persons to be present at an initiation and regales them with a spectacle which would have been grotesquely absurd if it had not been offensive and positively cruel. Where in the world did that chapter get its theory of an initiation into Sigma Chi? Its alumni members present were the most unsparing of all in their condemnation of the exhibition. We do not wish to be understood as criticising the individuals who compose that chapter and who conducted these several initiations. They are but the victims of a pernicious system from which it is our duty to rescue them. The editor is happy to think that these several so-called initiations are not fair examples, but yet they illustrate an ever present possibility. Other chapters may or may not indulge in the same excesses. Whether they do or not is of no importance in this discussion. There is nothing to restrain And the two perversions referred to show the possibility of an absurdly erroneous construction of our ritual in the absence of restraint. We must eliminate even the possibility of such a strange misconstruction.

In the editorial above referred to it was said: "The design of the initiatory exercises of Greek letter fraternities is not to have lots of putative fun at the expense of the candidate. Of all these organizations each is more or less the victim of an idea prevalent among the undergraduates that the purpose of the initiation is to play tricks on the person seeking membership in the order and to make things generally interesting for him. And it is not infrequently true that these so-called initiations become merely a scene of roughness bordering on rowdyism. In the opinion of the editor it is a very serious mistake to allow this feature of tricks, tests, etc., to run riot for an entire evening, usurping the time which should be occupied by more solemn things. I do not profess an intimate acquaintance with other fraternities, but initiation into Sigma Chi is alleged to be a ceremony, and 'conferring the ceremonies of initiation' does not mean the conferring of frights, bruises and discomfort; and strangely perverted is the system of initiation which magnifies these things to an important or even prominent position.

"The estimate a man has of an organization is to a large degree governed by the impressions received at the commencement of his connection with it. An initiation is capable of giving a person almost any kind of conception of the organization he is joining. He may be brought to a realization of the grandeur of the basis principles of the society, he may be made to understand that he is taking upon himself very solemn obligations, or he may be led to believe that the whole thing is nothing more than a vast farce. I presume that all fraternities purport to exemplify a principle, an idea; and any one acquainted with our ritual appreciates the real sublimity of the foundation principles of Sigma Chi. Our organization is not a plaything, but it exists for a purpose, and its purpose is to secure a practice of those principles. being true, I submit that no person about to become a member can thoroughly appreciate or understand the spirit of our union if the initiation is made the occasion of levity and frivolity from beginning to end. An initiation of continuous roughness and flippancy cannot convey to the candidate the true design of our existence. It is absolutely impossible to bring a person to a realization of the true impressiveness of the occasion if he is made the object of repeated 'tests' which know no bounds save the caprice of each individual and serve no conceivable purpose.

"The white cross and its decorations are symbolical of many noble principles. It stands for grand and noble ideas, and the purposes and designs of our fraternity are to aid its members to follow those principles. Whenever we repudiate this purpose we stand without a raison

d'etre, and we would then better disband. When a person becomes one of us he avows his devotion to those lofty sentiments. How in the world can he appreciate the situation unless the environment is suitably solemn? It is certainly a very anomalous proceeding to build up a continuous farce on the grandest principles which govern the actions of honorable men. It is emphatically a very grave error to desecrate the sublimity of the event with an unrestrained and unremitted uproar. To my mind the ritual of Sigma Chi is a master conception which demands an initiation not at all in harmony with the one to which I am objecting. An instrument so nobly conceived, so grandly written is entitled to a more impressive execution."

It should be the object of the initiatory ceremony to prepare the candidate not only to receive the oath and charge, but to appreciate them and to understand that he is assuming obligations such as the world does not require of all men. The "charge" contains the sublimest of human sentiments, promises the candidate consolation for the past, comfort for the present and hope for the future. The candidate is admonished to live uprightly and to conform to the highest type of manhood. In beautiful phrases he is taught his duties to the order and to his brothers. Does all this mean anything? Are these sentiments thrown together to please the ear? Is it our purpose to accomplish these noble ends? If it is, then those sentiments are entitled to a more dignified setting than they sometimes receive. It is an incongruous conglomeration of the sublime and ridiculous to deliver that noble charge as a climax to a nonsensical performance. What part in the preparation for a reception of the obligations and admonitions contained in our ritual is obtained by handcuffing and blindfolding the candidate, tying a rope around his waist and prancing him up and down the room until his tongue lolls out from exhaustion? I have been informed of an initiation into one of the Greek letter fraternities where a candidate undergoing the above procedure had to endure terrific blows from barrel staves in the hands of his "brothers." Every time he turned a corner he received a terrific whack from a stave in the hands of some irresponsi-It is hard to comprehend how any set of men could be so lost to all appreciation of the situation as to have indulged in such procedure.

Every respectable educational institution in the land is making unmitigated efforts to free itself from hazing. And yet in the secrecy of the halls and houses of the chapters of the various Greek letter societies are doubtless enacted "jokes" as inhuman as those of the rattle-brained hazer. The "tests" to which a candidate must submit are often

not only cruel, but positively dangerous, and if the Greek letter societies cannot eliminate this element from their initiations then it is to be hoped that the faculties of the various institutions will take the matter in hand themselves and exercise a salutary supervision over these ceremonies.

It might seem that the editor has gone far in his assertions and one unacquainted with the usual initiation might receive the impression that it is a terrible ordeal. But it is not intended to charge that the dangerous and cruel form of initiation is prevalent; the more common error is the ridiculous and absurd, which is equally harmful in its effect. From the performance witnessed by the editor not long since he sees and fears that the possible chance is undoubtedly sometimes realized. What is the remedy? There is only one, viz.: Let the ritual prescribe the details of the ceremony. We ought not allow such a broad discretion to each chapter. The character of an initiation now depends on the chapter. We should have a common form and enforce compliance. By so doing we will cast a dignity around the ceremony and assure a proper appreciation by the candidate of the situation.

SHALL THE FRATERNITY BE INCORPORATED?

Elsewhere in this number will be found a communication from Hon. Orville S. Brumback, ex-grand consul, of Toledo, O., in which he advocates the incorporation of the fraternity. The first section of the report of the committee on constitutional revision is as follows: "This fraternity shall be a body corporate under the laws of the state of, and known as the Sigma Chi Fraternity." A broad field and one of great importance is thereby opened for discussion. This section if adopted will effect a radical change in the nature of our existence and will require new methods of proceedure. The editor is not prepared to indorse the contemplated step, nor yet to oppose it. There is so much to be said pro and con; so many things to be taken into consideration; so many pitfalls to be avoided, that we, who are inclined to be conservative, should require strict proof from the advocates of the change. We know just where we stand now; we understand our powers and limitations; but we do not know where we would land if we became incorporated.

The submitted draft of the proposed constitution seems to the editor to be incomplete in that it does not provide for the legal representatives. It provides the machinery for our internal organization, but it does not designate who shall be the directors or trustees. It must be understood



that the statutes authorizing incorporation provide for the election of a board of control called directors, trustees, etc., and to conform to such requirement we must designate certain persons as a board of directors, trustees or managers. Again, the constitution fails to declare the purpose of our organization. Under the statutes of Illinois, and, I presume, of all other states, it is necessary that the articles of incorporation state the purpose of the proposed corporation. Ordinarily the purpose of an organization is contained not only in the articles of association, but also in the constitution adopted by it. It is not necessary that our constitution contain a recital of the purpose of our existence; but, inasmuch as it will be necessary when we come to be incorporated for our incorporators to declare the object of our existence, would it not be best for the Grand Chapter to make the declaration?

When a number of persons propose to unite for the accomplishment of some common aim or end in commercial, political or social life they may resort to a variety of methods of organizing. If a limited number desire to engage in business a partnership would probably be established. If a larger number wish to engage in commercial pursuits, or even a small number desirous of avoiding partnership or individual liability, a corporation for pecuniary profit known as a stock corporation, or under certain statutes as a co-operative association or limited partnership, may be established. But when a number of persons desire to unite for some purpose not pecuniary in its character generally the form of a society is adopted. A society may be defined as a voluntary association of persons united by mutual consent for attaining a common end and governed by a constitution and by-laws agreed to by the members. This is the form which now obtains in our fraternity. Or such persons, instead of adopting the form of a society, may become incorporated "not for pecuniary profit." Chief Justice Marshall in the Dartmouth College case defined a corporation as "an artificial being, invisible, intangible, and existing only in the contemplation of law." A corporation is a person in the law. It has the rights and liabilities, so far as the fact of its inanimate existence will permit, of a natural person; for some purposes it is regarded as a citizen of the state under whose statutes it obtains its existence. This statement of its rights is perhaps too broad. In the state of its existence it has not all the rights of a natural person, but only those rights expressly or impliedly granted by the statute under which it is organized; and in the other states it has absolutely no rights except such as are accorded it by interstate comity (provided, of course, it is not engaged in interstate commerce). Corporations may be broadly classed as those organized "for" and those "not for pecuniary profit." The former is the stock corporation, and its membership consists of the stockholders, each person being influential in proportion to the shares of stock held by him. In non-pecuniary corporations the membership is elective, the method of election being prescribed by the constitution and by-laws, and each person is of equal influence with every other. The latter form is the one under which we would work.

Why should we accept the uncertainties of corporate existence? Under our present form of government we have practically all the rights that a corporation could secure to us except that we are not a person in the law. As a matter of practice, we now do everything we could do if incorporated. We can acquire real estate anywhere (by means of trustees). We adopt, change or repeal constitutional sections and bylaws and conduct our business absolutely regardless and unfettered by the statutes of any state. If incorporated we would have to consider not only our own laws, but also the legislative enactments of the state to which we owe our corporate existence. Not only that, but we would be compelled to comply with the statutes of a great many other states. For instance, most states require that the board of directors or a certain number of them live within the state. This would give such state undue influence in our councils. True, this may be avoided by giving the directors absolutely no power; in other words, by making them figureheads only. Beta Theta Pi has encountered this difficulty. They incorporated under the laws of the state of Ohio, which requires that a majority of the trustees live within the state. In an article several years ago Mr. W. Raymond Baird, author of "Baird's Manual," deplored the situation. Mr. Baird further said that his experience led him to believe that incorporation was cumbersome and unnecessary. have the impression that in some of the states we would have difficulty in holding real estate in the corporate name. In any state other than the one of our creation we would be entitled only to such rights that those states by comity desire to give us, and beyond doubt some states would refuse us the privilege of owning realty within their borders. These are mere suggestions as to difficulties which might be encoun-There may be others, I do not know. But what of the advantered. tages?

Brother Brumback offers three—viz: the rights to have a corporate name and seal; to own and enjoy property in its own name for corporate purposes; to sue and be sued in the courts. Brother Brumback says "* * * the numerous persons composing the association are widely scattered in the various States of the Union, and any one deal-

ing with the Fraternity as it now is, of necessity is dealing merely with a few individuals in his own locality. They alone compose the association, so far as he is able to know and deal with it. The result is that the social and financial good name and credit, which can come from the whole, is unknown and lost in the separate and weakened position and responsibility of the few in each particular locality. A corporate name and organization of the whole would inure to the mutual benefit of all." But would it? The fact that we were incorporated would certainly give us no social prestige, and I cannot see how it would increase our financial rating. If we were incorporated, the persons with whom it was proposed to do business would not be inspired with confidence because of the fact of our incorporation; the financial responsibility of a non-commercial corporation would be a wholly unknown quantity, and any confidence they would have would be because of their acquaintance with the person seeking credit on behalf of the corporation; in other words, people, I believe, would rather deal with the representatives of the Fraternity, as now constituted, than to deal with a corporation of unknown standing.

Brother Brumback suggests that it would be better to have the property of all the chapters owned by the Fraternity. that "Every old alumnus can tell a story of contribution and expenditure of money he has made from time to time. The money has generally been spent on furniture and hall decorations, which in time have been worn out and cast aside. When the chapter is strong, the property so acquired is comparatively safe; but when reverses come, and it dwindles in numbers and position, the property becomes a burden and is sold at a sacrifice." I do not believe that the incorporation of the Fraternity would eliminate this possibility. If the active members of a chapter. having solicited contributions and secured furniture, were to fall into the straits suggested they would probably feel no more compunction in selling after an incorporation than they would now. Again, "suppose a fine chapter-house is acquired by some chapter at the cost of tribulation and effort of its alumni and the Fraternity at large. Being under the control and domination of the active members of the chapter, what is to prevent them from foolishly disposing of it, or, worse still, taking it with them into some rival organization because of some real or fancied grievance against Sigma Chi?" But the chapter-houses are not under the control of the active chapters. In all cases, corporations consisting of the persons donating money, and having as their board of directors alumni members, are formed. The active members generally have very little influence in the corporation owning the property.

usual method is for a party of alumni to incorporate, secure the property and rent it to the active chapter. Under such arrangement the active chapter is powerless to convey the realty.

The right to sue and be sued in courts of justice is not a privilege of any especial value to an organization like ours. We have never had occasion to use either right. It is possible that some day some of the chapters will become involved in their real estate holdings, but in that case there is the incorporated chapter to maintain its rights, and I believe it better for a local corporation to be engaged in such litigation rather than a foreign. But Sigma Chi, as it is now organized, can both sue and be sued, not as an entity, it is true, but a limited number as representatives for the whole can be parties to a court proceeding, either as plaintiffs or defendants.

The great objection, however, to holding and controlling by the Fraternity of all real estate is this, i. e., each chapter which now occupies a house, or will occupy one, is indebted to the energy and generosity of its own alumni. They have sacrificed time and money for the securing of property. They do this more for the advancement of their own chapter than for the benefit of the Fraternity at large. They form a corporation, put in their money, and then control the property as they see fit. I do not believe they would be so ready to do this if they knew that after their money had been given, they would have absolutely no voice in the control of the property purchased. As things now stand a limited number of persons organize and become incorporated,—the persons donating are the members of the corporation and they select their own trustees or directors and formulate their own policy. If there is an occasion to do so, they mortgage the property or do whatever the necessity of the hour demands, being under no obligation to consult any other authority than their own, and being governed entirely by their own wishes and the exigencies of the occasion. Under the proposed plan they would have absolutely no voice in the control of the property—except by cour-They would build the house and the Fraternity would take charge. Would our alumni be so ready to give their time and money only to have the fruit of their efforts pass beyond their control?

IN REPLY.

The importance of this question of incorporating justifies a reply to Brother Brumback's second communication. It is the idea of the editor to set our chapters to thinking of this proposition, and neither is this nor was the previous editorial written as an answer to Brother Brumback, but rather to call attention to some of the serious objections which can be raised, with a view to having them inquired into and removed. Brother Brumback has devoted his reply rather to showing the inconsistencies and admissions of the previous editorial than to completely answering the objections therein raised and throwing additional light on the subject. The following of necessity will be largely a reply to Brother Brumback's criticisms, an opportunity being thereby afforded of elucidating what has already been said.

In the first editorial I said that I did not know just where I stood on the proposition and was ready neither to endorse nor oppose the contemplated step. But as the argument proceeds the editor is more and more impressed with the idea that no great good can be accomplished by an incorporation, but that serious trouble may result. In the second paragraph of his reply Brother Brumback philosophizes on conservatism and reform in general. In answer to the editor's argument that we cannot tell just where we would land under a corporate form he replies: "This argument is always the one employed against reform and advancement." And his is the invariable answer. Conservatism has saved many an organization and society from false steps, and the lack of it has led to detrimental results. No "reform and advancement" stands much chance unless its advocates can show the superiority of the new situation. And no organization should submit itself to the uncertainties of an unknown field unless there is something materially wrong with its existent methods. We do not want reform unless there is something needing reform. When doubts arise as to the advisability of a proposed change it will not answer to reply that "he who is satisfied with present conditions in life and does not aspire to higher planes generally fails in the realization of the highest success." Brother Brumback's assertion is true enough, but it throws no light on the question. Many a man's aspirations have ruined his life.

Parenthetically, the previous editorial was written not for the purpose of opposing incorporation, but rather to call attention to some of the barriers so that they might be explained and removed. It was the further intention to call attention to several omissions. "It is urged that the proposed constitution submitted by the committee does not designate who are to be directors or trustees." No, it was not urged; only suggested. The editor certainly did not advance that as an argument against incorporation, but only to call the committee's attention to the insufficiency of its report in that particular. It was also the intention to give some general information on the subject of corporations. That is what led to the explanation that we would incorporate "not for

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pecuniary profit." "Of course" that information was not intended for attorneys, but for the active members, who probably know comparatively little of the subject—just as parts of Brother Brumback's communication were apparently intended.

"Indeed most of the arguments adduced by Brother Crozier would be of equal force in opposition to the incorporation of any church, hospital, college or other like organizations not for profit." Not at all. The comparison is an unfortunate one. There is all the difference in the world between a church having but one congregation, but one building, and an organization like ours with branches all over the United States. It is possible that the editor is mistaken, but if the Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian or any other church is incorporated he has never known it. Each congregation incorporates and secures for itself the advantages which Brother Brumback regards as so important. That is all right; there is no objection to that. In fact, that is exactly what seems best to the editor, i. e., let each chapter of Sigma Chi be a corporation, but retain the unincorporated society form of government for the fraternity at large.

Later in his reply Brother Brumback says that "the policy of incorporating an individual chapter seems to be admitted. If good for one, why not good for all?" Because it is a good plan for the "Fifth Presbyterian Church of Chicago" to be incorporated it does not follow that "Presbyterian Church" should be a corporation. While it might be advisable for a chapter to become incorporated so as to hold real estate it does not follow that the same step would be a wise one for the Fraternity.

There is some conflict between us as to whether the Fraternity can do all things now that it could do if incorporated. Brother Brumback says in his second communication: "If it were true that we can now do everything that we would be able to do if incorporated, then indeed incorporation would be futile. But as a matter of fact and law none of those things suggested in my former article can now be done by the Fraternity." The things referred to are the rights to have a corporate name and seal under and by which to transact business, to sue and be sued in courts, and to own and enjoy property. As to the first, it is hardly necessary to say that Sigma Chi can now transact business as an entity. Brother Brumback certainly does not intend to deny that. As to the second, we can now sue and be sued; no doubt about it. And now as to the third point, i. e., the power to own and enjoy property. I take it that by "property" is meant real estate, because we can now hold and enjoy all the personal property that fortune grants us. It is true that as

at present constituted the Sigma Chi Fraternity cannot own real estate without the intervention of trustees. But we do not need that power. Some day when we are prepared to build national headquarters the necessity for the right to hold realty may arise. But at present the Fraternity has absolutely no need of the right to hold the fee of real estate. Sigma Chi has no real estate and does not need any. The occasion of holding such property arises with our chapters, not with the Fraternity—just as it arises with a particular congregation, and not with the church. I am not losing sight of the proposition that all property now held by the chapters becomes the property of the Fraternity. That will be discussed later. I think the point has been made plain, but to restate: The only property the Fraternity need hold is its headquarters; chapter houses can be held by each chapter. Then the right to hold real estate, which incorporation offers to the Fraternity, is a vain one.

I believe we have progressed far enough in the discussion to see that the only question involved is this: "Shall the chapters own their buildings or shall everything belong to the Fraternity?" The right to hold realty in a corporate name is the only right incorporation will secure us, and the only use we can have for that right is to vest all fees in one central body. Do we want to do that? At the very threshold we meet the question: Will every state permit a foreign "corporation not for pecuniary profit" to hold realty within its jurisdiction? The editor does not know, but he has reasonable doubts. All states are very jealous in the matter of real estate holding by corporations, especially for-I understand that not a few prohibit foreign stock companies from acquiring any realty except under certain conditions and that even then such realty must be disposed of in a given time, generally a few years. I do not know whether a foreign "corporation not for pecuniary profit" can legally acquire and hold real estate in Illinois. I have not examined into the question to learn whether it has been decided. in the absence of a decision the editor would not hesitate to say that it is a doubtful proposition. It is not necessary to enter into a legal discussion, except this far: Our statutes provide that "corporations, associations and societies, not for pecuniary profit, formed under this act shall in law be capable of taking real and personal estate for the purposes of their organization." Now, a corporation within its own state has only the powers expressly or by implication given it; a foreign corporation not created by the federal government or engaged in interstate commerce has no rights save such as are given it by courtesy. The Illinois statute empowers corporations not for pecuniary profit of its own creation to hold real estate. But it does not

authorize similar organizations incorporated in other states to hold realty within its borders. And this argument is strengthened by the fact that foreign stock companies are expressly authorized to acquire real estate under certain restrictions. It may be that the question has been decided. But this shows very lucidly the uncertainties we will encounter. Foreign corporations not for pecuniary profit do acquire real estate in Illinois it is true. But the validity of their deeds may never have been raised. I do know this, that an Ohio corporation established a hospital in Cook county and was by our supreme court denied the benefit of the tax exemption statute on the ground that that statute applied to domestic organizations only. The right to hold the realty was in no way involved.

If all doubt as to this situation were removed we would still have to consider the wisdom of the holding of all realty by the Fraternity rather than by its chapters. For a discussion of this the reader is referred to the last paragraph of the previous editorial. Brother Brumback says: "It would be very easy in case of grievance for the active and even alumni members to combine in a secession from the Fraternity, taking with them all the property owned. Under the new policy adopted by the Fraternity of aiding chapters in the acquisition of property from the general fraternity fund the Fraternity might suffer great and irreparable loss as well as disgrace." In reply to this it may be suggested that the triumvirs when they lend any of the sinking fund to a chapter will probably take a second or third mortgage and thus prevent the carrying of the house into another order without either repaying Sigma Chi or suffering a foreclosure. And as to bolting Sigma Chi "in case of grievance." If such a case ever arises, is it not eminently just that the persons agrieved be allowed to take their property with them? The property which their own money and effort has secured?

In answer to the last paragraph of Brother Brumback's reply I quote article xvii., section 2, which is as follows: "No chapter shall incumber or dispose of any personal property (without replacing same), or incumber or dispose of any real estate without the written authority of the grand triumvirs." When one of our chapters through its persistence and the generosity of its alumni has acquired a house, with or without any assistance from the Fraternity, it seems to the editor that it ought to be allowed to incumber or dispose of the same as it sees fit, so long as the sum received from the Fraternity is returned, without consulting the wishes of the grand triumvirs.

Brother Brumback, at some length, discourses the disadvantage of holding title by means of trustees. But there is no necessity of that;

the incorporation of the individual chapters enables them to hold the fee. And in this connection it may be well to explain that by the "incorporation of the individual chapter" to hold real estate is not meant necessarily the incorporation of the active chapter. What the editor has in mind is this,—let certain interested alumni of the chapter organize. This is tne usual way such a corporation is formed and active members of the chapter may or may not be members of the corporation. This organization then deals with the chapter, renting the house to it, etc.

Aside from this question, one other advantage is promised—enhanced standing and credit. Brother Brumback says that a corporation with four thousand members must necessarily have more credit and better standing than a loose organization. But why? We have the four thousand members just the same, and the outside world never would stop to inquire whether Sigma Chi were incorporated. What difference does it make to a merchant whether a voluntary society is or is not incorporated?

Beta Theta Pi is incorporated; has been since 1879. Did you ever know it? Has any additional credit or prestige resulted to that organization? Mr. Baird says: "It (incorporation) adds not one iota to the dignity or importance of the Fraternity, and it imposes upon its officials the constant task of considering every contemplated action as a *legal* question, to be investigated with a view to ascertaining whether it is proper under the law of the state in which incorporation has been secured, instead of considering such action solely with a view to doing the best thing for the Fraternity. If, however, incorporation is deemed desirable for 'general literary gorgeousness,' as Mark Twain would say, then," etc.

Phi Delta Theta is also incorporated—has been for sixteen years. Did you ever know it? Did you ever stop to inquire? Has any additional credit or standing resulted to Phi Delta Theta by reason of its corporate existence? The last number of the *Scroll* says, "With further investigation Sigma Chi will probably conclude that it is not advisable, from a legal standpoint and for other reasons, to give general officers control over the separate property of the various chapters."

Just a few words more as to the difficulties that must be encountered. The enabling statute always, in more or less detail, prescribes the duties and powers of officers, and requires a great many things to be done. If incorporated, we would likely be in constant conflict with the statutes under which organized, and our officers would be continually wasting time and energy in complying with the statutory requirements, and their efforts would be entirely lost so far as any direct good to the Fra-

ternity is concerned. Take, for instance, the statutes of Illinois: It is provided that such corporations "may, by their trustees, directors or managers make by-laws," etc. We don't want our trustees to make by-laws for us; we would prefer that the Grand Chapter make them. It is also provided that an annual meeting of the members of the corporation be held; the election of trustees must be recorded with the county recorder of the county wherein the headquarders are; at annual and special meetings "members of the corporation may take part and vote, in person or by proxy." Who would be members of Sigma Chi incorporated? Under the present arrangement the individual is never represented; chapters are.

These are only a few suggestions of the snares that await us. The statutes of other states may do better, but the editor will promise to show serious and valid objections to the statutes of any state in the Union.

A letter has been received by the editor from Brother Brumback in which he says that he does not know of any state provisions antagonistic to corporations not for pecuniary profit, and that he does not believe any difficulty would be experienced in the operation of such a corporation throughout the Union. The editor understands this to apply to the holding of real estate in the different states.

THE AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Article VI. of the report of the committee on constitutional revision provides that "the grand quaestor shall collect and preserve all moneys due or donated to the Fraternity, paying out the same on the order of the grand consul, certified by the grand annotator." Under the present law money is paid out on "the order of the grand council, certified by the grand annotator and signed by the grand consul." It has of course been impracticable to comply with the cumbersome requirements of our present law. It is practically impossible for twelve men living in as many different parts of the country to direct the expenditure of many small sums of money. But will it aid matters to have expenditures made on the order of the grand consul? As a rule the quaestor and consul are residents of different cities, and it would cause great delay and vexation if the former had to send all bills to the latter for his indorsement. And in addition the consul most probably would know nothing of the justice of the bill presented and the performance of his duty would be perfunctory only, he relying upon the suggestion of the quaestor. Would it not be better to have all moneys paid out by the order of the triumvirs, certified by the annotator? Under the section creating the triumvirate it will probably be in the future as it has been in the past that the quaestor will be one of that body. That being true the triumvirate will have its home in the city of the quaestor, and that of course will continue to be the business center of the Fraternity. The triumvirs are more closely in touch with the business of the order than is the grand consul, and, having personal knowledge of the situation, can act the more intelligently. The editor does not know what the custom has been in reference to the submission of bills to the grand consul, but he understands that that part of our present law requiring that the grand consul shall sign orders for the payment of money is a dead letter. He does not see how it could be any other, at least when the consul and quaestor are not residents of the same city. Of his personal knowledge there is one case where the bills for two years were O. K.d at one time after all had been paid. And then not by the grand consul himself, but by some one acting for him. What is the use of making a law only to be violated? A grand quaestor cannot comply with such a requirement, and it is useless to direct it.

THE SONG-BOOK.

Alpha Sigma tried it, a committee appointed by the last Grand Chapter tried it, and still the song-book is hung up in the air. One more effort is to be made—this time by a committee selected by the triumvirs. Of this committee Brother Herbert C. Arms, grand praetor of the fifth province, is chairman. He announces his intention of publishing at all hazards. He writes to the QUARTERLY:

"This is positively the last appearance in the QUARTERLY of the new song-book. We are tired of waiting for the alumni and chapters to send in songs. They have been urged time and again—even implored—to make some efforts along this line and have not responded. More than one-half of the chapters have never been heard from and only a very few of the alumni have written anything. Every chapter ought to be represented in this book by at least one of its members, active or alumni. If any chapter is not represented it will be its own fault. The song-book is going to press before the 1st of June, and we now make one last appeal to members of the Fraternity. Even if we receive no more songs the book will be published with those now on hand. True it will not be as large as we anticipated, scarcely larger than the old one; but nevertheless by the beginning of the next college year you shall all be able to purchase a new Sigma Chi song-book. Let us have

one that will be a credit to the Fraternity. Try writing verse to some of the old college songs; there is a great scarcity of them among the new material. 'Hold the Fort,' 'America' and 'Last Cigar' are overdone. Take some of the songs that are catchy, easy to learn and that have a good chorus, and send us your efforts. We must have a song-book, and that shortly. You cannot be too quick for us. To delay is fatal."

Personally, the editor is not wholly in sympathy with the intentions of the committee. He prefers no song-book to a poor or even a mediocre one. The material on hand is admittedly weak, and a book containing only the usable contributions so far received would be no improvement over our present volume. To the editor it seems a useless waste of time, effort and money to get out a new book unless it is to be an immense improvement over the old. What will be accomplished by a third-rate book? It will certainly not redound to our credit to produce a volume lamentably weak. Wouldn't it be better to wait until we have something worthy to become associated with our other publications, even if we would have to wait several years more? To the editor it seems that there is no general demand for the issue of a new book. there were, would not more interest be taken and more and better contributions be made? A great many of our chapter letters speak of the Sigs on the various musical clubs. And it would seem that some of those musicians might help. But they are silent.

The Alpha Upsilon chapter, University of Southern California, has issued a collection of Sigma Chi songs. The pamphlet consists of thirty-two pages and contains twenty-eight songs and five original compositions. As to the latter the editor not being a musician will not venture an opinion. But the songs are generally fair, several of them very good. Upon the whole Alpha Upsilon is to be congratulated upon its enterprise. The undertaking is fostered by *The Courier Press*, of which Brother Philo Jones is the proprietor.

The committee contemplates sending circulars to each chapter, and it is hoped that prompt responses will be received by the chairman, Brother Arms, at 5410 Washington avenue, Chicago.

FRATERNITY STATIONERY.

Messrs. Kirchner, Meckel & Co., Industry Building, Chicago, who, for four years, have been the publishers of the QUARTERLY, have gotten out some very pretty fraternity note paper. The design, consisting of the badge with its emblems, is embossed in blue, gold and illuminated blue and gold, the latter producing a beautiful and striking effect. The

proportions of the pin are fairly good and its size harmonizes with the size and shape of the paper. The tints used while not the Sigma Chi blue and old gold are probably as near the proper shades as can be obtained with printers' ink. The paper used is of an excellent quality. This stationery is offered at reasonable rates, it being the intention of Messrs. Kirchner, Meckel & Co. rather to secure the patronage of our chapters in the matter of invitations, etc., than to profit by this venture. And, as to that, the editor ventures to say that if time and circumstances will permit, a chapter having invitations, etc., to be printed cannot do better than by placing the order with these gentlemen. have one of those establishments which, while thoroughly equipped to do good work, is yet not so large that each individual order, no matter how small, may not receive the greatest attention. Mr. S. H. Cline. the foreman, is a man of most excellent taste in these matters, and the editor does not hesitate to grant a large share of the typographical excellence of the QUARTERLY to his interest and good judgment. Samples of this paper have been sent to each chapter, and individuals interested may obtain the same, with prices, upon application.

Mr. A. B. Lockwood, 213 Broadway, New York, who interested himself in the matter of our coat of arms and who at his own expense made a beautiful steel engraving of the same, is also entitled to the good will and patronage of our chapters. The committee on coat of arms appointed by the last grand chapter to report to the next have adopted Mr. Lockwood's suggestions, and consequently his engraving is absolutely correct. Impressions from this plate should be used in all college annuals. He will send samples upon application.

WHY THE DELAY?

We are again by the stress of circumstances compelled to apologize for tardiness. It has been caused by conditions beyond our control. Our contributors were somewhat slow in sending in their articles, several of them delaying writing until after the initiation of the Chicago chapter. When the first form was ready for the press we discovered that our printer had not received from the mills the paper which he had ordered some time before. It will be understood that the paper used for the QUARTERLY is of an unusual quality and weight and is not carried in stock by the dealers. It is, therefore, necessary to have it manufactured especially for our use. The manufacturer having disappointed our printer, everything was tied up for some days until the consignment of paper arrived.

Letters from Alumni Chapters.

THE COLUMBUS SIGS.

The city of Columbus, Ohio's beautiful capitol, is a Sig stronghold. Within its boundaries Sigma Chi can boast of fifty alumni and ten active college men, and although there is no alumni association nevertheless the true "blue and gold" spirit prevails to such an extent that for the last five years Thanksgiving Eve has been set aside as an eve of celebrations and rejoicing. On November 25, 1896, the following gentlemen were present at the sixth annual banquet, held at Hotel Goodall: Walter B. Page, Gamma; Amor W. Sharpe, Alpha Gamma, '87; Edward M. Taylor, Beta, '91; Edward T. Powell, Gamma, '94; Frank H. Gale, Alpha Gamma, '89; Frank Jennings, Alpha Gamma, '91; Herbert A. Evans, Alpha Gamma, '97; Andrews Rogers, Alpha Gamma, '96; William L. Evans, Alpha Gamma, '92; William Brossman, Beta, '92; William Hazeltine, Alpha Gamma, '94; Harry M. Gates, Alpha Gamma, '88; Julius Theobald, Alpha Gamma, '97; James W. Westwater, Alpha Gamma, '98; Paul Hardy, Alpha Gamma, '00; Fred Jeffrey, Alpha Gamma, '99, and Herbert Jones, Alpha Gamma, '00, all of Columbus, O.; Paul Mitchell, Gamma, '96, Urbana, O.; Melvin H. Stover, Alpha Gamma, '98, Sabina, O.; D. M. McDonald, Alpha Gamma, '98, Wellsville, O.; Luther B. Thoms, Alpha Gamma, '95, Jackson, O.; Frank Mahaffey, Mansfield, O.; Dr. E. Taylor, Cincinnati, O.; B. F. Gurley, Gamma, '99, Bogard, O.; John Chase, Gamma, '98, Bucksport, Me.; Bruce Brockway, Gamma, '98, Delaware, O., and C. M. Sollars, Gamma, '97, Delaware, O. The banquet room was tastefully decorated in "blue and gold" and the tables formed the "Cross." The early part of the evening was taken up with that most delightful task, to the candidate, the initiating of Mr. Fred Jeffrey, '98, of Columbus, O., into the mysteries of Sigma Chi. It was ten o'clock before the assembly had gathered around the festive board, when the menu was completely conquered and enjoyed by the hungry and thirsty lot.

Brother Amor W. Sharp was toastmaster, and after six courses had been duly masticated and the glasses had been filled again the meeting was called to order by the opening toast of the presiding officer. Each member was called upon for a toast and the way he was introduced by the beautiful and witty sayings of the toastmaster called forth much

applause. As space will not permit an entire list of the toasts we can only say that those delivered by the father of the evening, Brother Walter B. Page, as well as Brothers E. M. Taylor, Perry Smith and E. T. Powell were very much appreciated and enjoyed. After each member had made a few remarks, songs and stories were called for, to which each brother contributed to the best of his ability. The banquet was a grand success in every detail, with plenty to eat and smoke, and proved efforts of the committee to have been untiring. There is only one criticism to make, and that is that the older alumni did not turn out as we had expected, but we forgive them until next year, when we will count on them.

Julius Theobald, Alpha Gamma, '97.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI DINNER.

The American public for generations has yearly anticipated the president's proclamation, and months, even years, before the publication of the executive decree preparations are made for the annual dinner, the great gridiron contests, et cetera. With a degree of regularity equal to that of the commander-in-chief of Uncle Sam's armies the New York alumni chapter of Sigma Chi appoints a committee to arrange for a Thanksgiving Eve dinner. And so it has come about that eastern Sigs when they read the president's message consecrating the fourth Thursday of November as a day for expressing gratitude to a benevolent Deity are reminded that the evening of the fourth Wednesday of the same month is dedicated in Sigma Chi circles to banquet. An invitation from New York is expected and always received.

This year Brothers W. L. Tillotson, R. P. Fisher, Frank R. Dickey, Frank Cochrane and W. H. Peer Conklin were made responsible for the preliminaries. In response to their communications the largest body of Sig diners ever assembled in the city of New York gathered in Muschenheim's celebrated Arena, a delightfully arranged and beautifully decorated banqueting hall. By seven o'clock, when Dr. Francis A. Scratchley, M. D., Zeta, '77, president of the chapter, called the craft to refreshment, this room was filled to its furthest capacity. The absence of those old familiar faces which have gone before was sadly noted. Dr. Scratchley occupied the seat of honor. Upon the arrival of Dr. Theodore A. K. Gessler, D. D., Kappa, '64, however, Dr. Scratchley refused to retain his position. After some discussion friends effected a compromise under the terms of which we had them both as toastmasters. Was ever a banquet so favored? A mender of bodies and a healer of souls! Near the doctors were seated such representative old

Sigs as Chaplain John C. S. Weills, original Nu, '64; Hon. Robert E. James, Kappa, '69; George C. Coon, Mu, '73; Roderick P. Fisher, Alpha Kappa, '88, and Franklin F. Bond, Omicron, '83, who had come from the south to be present. After the excellent menu had been vigorously discussed Dr. Gessler called upon Brother Burr McIntosh, who gave us the first course of the intellectual feast. He passed the bottle of humor around, and throughout the remaining "courses" gave it many a timely shove. No formal toasts had been arranged, but some who followed the lead were Brothers Bond, Weills, James, Coon, Scratchley and Fisher. We always appreciate the helpful words and reminiscences of the "older brothers." The Columbia chapter, which was out in force, held sway at one end of the table and frequently started a jolly Sig song. The way in which Dr. Gessler and some of the "old boys" joined in proved that they had not forgotten how to sing a la Sigma Chi. Frank B. Ogilvie, a "spiked" Cornell man, gave a number of comical songs and was loudly applauded.

When the invitation was given for reports from the active chapters represented, Ellis Aldrich responded for Alpha Phi, making an excellent speech in his usual felicitous fashion. Thereupon the twelve Cornellians present arose and gave the Cornell yell with a vim worthy of "the mighty men from classic Ithaca." Sigma Chi in Cornell has done much to add honor and glory to the fame of our dear fraternity and deserves to be assisted in every way to secure a house worthy of the position it has earned in the fraternity world. Robert Farnham, Jr., who inherits his father's enthusiasm for Sigma Chi, gave a very businesslike speech for Alpha Rho, alluding also to Epsilon, his former chapter. We feel proud of our Alpha Rho and will lend it all possible aid in securing a new chapter house. Interesting speeches were made by Brothers Hayden and Werner, from Alpha Theta. Our "swell" chapter in Boston could not have been better represented. After hearing from the representatives of Hobart, Dartmouth, Gettysburg and Dickinson, Dr. Gessler called for our youngest eastern chapter, Nu Nu. Her sons who were present rose in a body, and a finer set of college men one would rarely see together. Farley, the youngest member, made a well-worded speech and told of their present comfortable quarters, but expressed the hope that next fall, when Columbia moves to her new site, Nu Nu would be able to have a home of its own.

The committee wishes to take this occasion to thank the alumni for their hearty response to the invitations sent out and hopes that next year even a larger number will be able to respond in person.

Brooklyn, N. Y., January 16, 1897. WILLIAM H. PEER CONKLIN.

THE SIGS IN WASHINGTON.

After the Washington alumni chapter had ceased to exist the Sigs in that city formed "The Washington Association of Sigma Chi Alumni." This organization, we are informed, has successfully held several meetings. The following is taken from a contribution by Brother Theodore W. Noyes, Epsilon, '77, to the Washington papers:

On the evening of December 1st, in response to invitations, a number of Sigma Chis in the city of Washington met at the residence of George N. Acker, M. D., Theta, '72, president of the Washington association. Those present were the following: Dr. Robert Farnham, A. B. Duvall, S. H. Walker, R. S. Davis, G. L. Edmonds, M. Thomson, A. Y. Bradley, J. H. Ford and William H. Ward, of the Epsilon chapter; W. J. Acker and E. K. Fox, of the Theta chapter; E. L. Tompkins, M. D., L. Mackall, Jr., M. D., and J. T. Thomas, of the Psi chapter; Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, of the Iota chapter; Reginald Munson, M. D., of the Beta chapter; E. A. Fowler, of the Eta Eta chapter; F. W. McReynolds, of the Delta Chi chapter; Samuel R. Ireland, of the Theta Theta chapter; S. P. Dillon, of the Chi chapter, and W. Mitchell, of the Alpha Tau chapter. Letters of regret were read from Reginald Fendall, Rev. F. M. Gibson and Theodore W. Noyes. were present also from the active members of the Epsilon chapter F. L. Biscoe, R. P. Clark, W. L. Farnham and F. A. Ruggles. Interesting addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Radcliffe, Drs. Acker and Farnham and Brothers Duvall and Ireland. The evening was pleasantly spent. and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe; vice-president, Theodore W. Noyes; secretary, F. W. McReynolds; treasurer, Dr. Reginald Munson; additional members of executive committee, Dr. Robert Farnham, chairman; Dr. George N. Acker and Samuel R. Ireland.

George Yost Coffin, the cartoonist, recently deceased, was a member of the Epsilon chapter, and action was taken to record a tribute to his memory. Resolutions signed by Messrs. R. Farnham, R. Fendall, A. B. Duvall, S. H. Walker and T. W. Noyes, as a committee, were presented and adopted, and will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Letters from Active Chapters.

FIRST PROVINCE.

EPSILON—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Epsilon Chapter is in a most flourishing condition; our members are all active and enthusiastic, and the alumni are helping us to a very great extent. In a college, such as Columbian, where the greater part of the students live in their own homes, have their own social spheres and private interests, fraternity life is necessarily not what it is in colleges where students have a transient residence, and where their social life is an outgrowth of their fraternity associations, but the Sigma Chi spirit is just as strong in Columbian as in colleges where the surroundings are more conducive. The fraternities all have rooms near the college, and at 1421 G street Epsilon Chapter is as comfortably situated as any of them.

We had four initiations this year, one of which brought Brother Fowler into the Fraternity, but not into Epsilon Chapter. He had been previously pledged at Dartmouth, but because of illness had to leave the school, and has just been able to come in. Those brought into Epsilon Chapter are Brothers DeWitt C. Croissant, Francis A. Ruggles, Harry C. Coburn, and Horace V. Conly. All of these men were sought by part or all of the other fraternities, and that they selected Sigma Chi, without any urging, tends to show the place that our Fraternity holds in Columbian. Brother Lewis A. Ruggles is in the mechanical school, but was pledged some time ago, when in the college. Brother Ruggles, son of Adjutant-General Ruggles, U. S. A., has since gone to West Point, and in losing him from our active chapter we miss a very valuable man.

We have the Alumni Association to thank for a great deal of our present material prosperity; they have been very generous in affairs of the pocketbook, and have shown interest in the spirit of the Fraternity by being around to see and aid in our initiations. The association met at Brother C. M. Aclser's, and besides transacting business concerning their own organization, have greatly, as individuals, helped Epsilon Chapter. Our good brother Dr. Farnham has been very active in our behalf, and while the others may not have been as personally active, their pocketbooks have given us substantial and needed assistance.

Unfortunately the freshman class has been very "prepy," the chap-

ter (not unfortunately) very conservative, and we have not taken in as many men as was possible.

Columbian itself is picking up and becoming more modern in its methods, and the faculty is being increased so that a wider sphere of work is possible. Next year will probably see the disappearance of examinations from the vision of the student who makes ninety per cent or over on his work—a "consummation devoutly to be wished." Our initiations are getting better as we bring more men in; a dignity is being added by the presence of alumni, and altogether we are improving. The foot-ball team, of which Brother Edwin K. Cutter was manager, showed up wonderfully well and came near making the championship of the South.

Not much can be said for the University organ, except that Brother Reed P. Clarke is the college editor, and that the college notes is about the brightest spot in the paper.

We are looking for Brother Harry C. Coburn to be valedictorian of his class—a little distant, perhaps, but he is at present the top of the heap.

Greeting to all Sigma Chis, and be assured of a welcome at 1421 G street if a visit to Washington is made.

D. C. Croissant.

Washington, D. C., January 25, 1897.

THETA-GETTYSBURG COLLEGE.

With the opening of the second term at Gettysburg came a great interest in the prospects for this season's base-ball. There is great enthusiasm among the candidates for the team and work in the cage is going on most satisfactorily. Theta has been represented on the base-ball team of this college for four years by Brother Leisenring, '97, and of course he is one of those who form the nucleus for our nine. In addition, Brothers Dale, '00, and Lawyer, '00, are candidates with excellent chances for positions. At a meeting of the foot-ball men last term Brother Dale, '00, was elected captain for next season. Coming as this election does to a man who has been in college only since September and will next year be a sophomore, Brother Dale may justly feel highly complimented, and the chapter is pardonably proud of the honor.

Brothers John Wendt, '98, and Charles Wendt, '00, of New York City, we are sorry to say, have decided to cut short their college course here and take a shorter road to their life work. The former, with the law in view, is preparing for Columbia, while the latter has entered a business college in New York.

At a recent mass meeting of the students it was decided to celebrate

the twenty-second of February by an elaborate parade, and preparations are now in progress toward this end. Last year's parade was quite a successful affair and it is the desire of the students to make this one even more so.

On the night of January 5, 1897, Brother Henry Wolf Bikle, '97, Gettysburg, Pa., the son of one of our charter members, was initiated into the fraternity. After the initiation the chapter adjourned to the Eagle Hotel, where an elaborate banquet was served.

The senior class held its election for class-day appointments in the early part of the term. Brother Leisenring received the appointment of mantle orator and Brother Bikle that of master of ceremonies.

With best wishes to all Sigma Chis. Henry Wolf Bikle. Gettysburg, Pa., January 25, 1897.

KAPPA-BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Since the last issue of the QUARTERLY we have initiated two men into our chapter—Robert Young Grant, Ridgway, and J. Osborne Hackenburg, son of ex-Senator Hackenburg, Milton. Both are royal good fellows and an honor to the Fraternity as well as to our chapter. Kappa is now in a most prosperous condition; at the beginning of the present college year but four men answered to the roll call, and now nine loyal Sigs are enlisted.

Friday evening, January 29th, we gave a dance in the armory hall. About seventy-five couples were present, including most of our alumni in the town (which number twenty-three), and representatives from all the other fraternities of the University. Phi Phi was represented by Brothers Bailey, Ahl, Stephenson and McGargee, Brother Wentz chaperoning them. Brothers Dunkle, Baumgardner, Deihl, Montgomery and Davis were here from Alpha Chi. This was the first dance ever given here by any of the fraternities.

At the annual meeting of the Athletic Association Brother Rush H. Kress, 'oo, was elected secretary and a member of the finance committee. Brother Bruce H. Trimmer, '98, was elected manager of general athletics. Our basket-ball team opened the season here on January 23d by defeating the strong Y. M. C. A. team of Danville. On February 6th we play the University of Pennsylvania team in the college gymnasium. The game will be followed by a reception. The base-ball team is working hard daily in the cage; and, under the excellent coaching of Clarence Smith, "the three-fingered wonder," we expect to have a fine team. Brother Wittenmeyer, ex-pitcher of the Middleburg nine, is one of the promising candidates for the box.

Our school does not lack in social events. On Friday night, February 5th, the Athletic Association will give a dance in the armory hall. The latter part of the month the Junior ball will be held. This is an annual event, and all look forward to it with pleasure.

The Phi Epsilon, formerly a local fraternity, has been initiated into the Kappa Sigma. There are now five fraternities here.

Brothers Bailey and McGargee, ex-Kappas, paid us a short visit on their return to U. P. from the glee-club trip, after the holidays. We enjoyed a call from Brother Carl C. Law, ex-Kappa, '96, who is now state bank examiner. Carl is a loyal Sig. Brother Ralph Strowbridge, '85, attended several of our meetings during his visit to his mother. Brother Lewis Ryon, '96, was present at our dance. He is reading law with his father in Shenokin. We also had the pleasure of having with us, during Brother Grant's initiation, Brother Fredericks of Theta.

Lewisburg, Pa., January 29, 1897. HARRY R. THORNTON.

PHI PHI-UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Since our last letter we have initiated four fine fellows whom it gives us much pleasure to introduce. They are: Joseph Houston, '98, College of Philadelphia, Pa.; Thomas Flavell, '98, College of Germantown, Pa.; Lewis A. Dewing, '98, Medical College of Boston, Mass., and Perry Wentz, '00, Medical College of Drifton, Pa. We also have three pledged men whom we will introduce in our next letter. Brother Houston was assistant manager of the foot-ball team last fall. Brother Dewing is president of the musical clubs of the university. Brother Wentz played guard on the Princeton foot-ball team in '95.

Our glee, banjo and mandolin clubs took an extended trip during the holidays. Sigma Chi was represented on the club by Brothers McAvoy, manager; Smith, assistant manager; Dewing, president; Megargee, Dewing, Smith and your scribe on the glee club, Dewing being a soloist; Awl on the mandolin club and whistling soloist; Houston and Lister on the banjo club.

Brother Boyle (captain of the Pennsylvania crew) has his men in the tank daily and he expects to have a record-breaking crew. Brother E. D. Mitchell, Jr., was elected president of his class, '98 Medical, recently. Your scribe managed his class foot-ball team, which was ably captained by Brother Wentz. Brother Slimmer, manager of the track team, is very busy making arrangements for several important meets.

Since our last letter we have completely furnished the house, where we would be very glad to entertain any "Sigs." Too many thanks can-

not be bestowed upon Brother Tom Field, who so kindly donated many of our furnishings. We wish also to publicly thank the Philadelphia alumni for their generous assistance.

Since our last letter we have received visits from Brothers Leuckel, Alpha Rho, '89; Raymond, Alpha Lambda, '92; Barclay, Kappa, '98, and Horner and Satchell, Alpha Rho.

With best wishes for successful futures for the new chapters and the same to the old chapters, we bid a kind farewell.

Philadelphia, Pa., January 27, 1897.

ORVILLE E. BAILEY.

ALPHA RHO-LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

The second term has opened for us with our chapter installed in a new house; that is, new to us. It is comfortably filled and Alpha Rho is thriving as ever. Since the last letter one brother has been added to Sigma Chi-Mr. Anderson, of Philadelphia. Our chapter now numbers fourteen members and there is a probability of its increasing to fifteen before the year is out. We received a visit from an old Alpha Rho man of '97. His history is somewhat peculiar and perhaps a little of it would not be out of place here, as our brother, Mr. Ramsden, wished me to remember him to the Fraternity in the QUARTERLY. Brother Ramsden entered Lehigh in the class of '92, staying only a short time. went to England and studied in an English military college, from which he was graduated. He then entered, through powerful influence, the consular service, and for the last few years has been in Cuba as an English consul. When he visited us he was on his way from Cuba to England, from whence he was going to the Phillipine Islands, where he was to serve in a high consular capacity. Brother Ramsden showed his true fraternity spirit in coming down from New York to see his old chapter of only three months' acquaintance. He said that in all these years he always wore the White Cross of Sigma Chi, and when in official uniform of all his badges of honor Sigma Chi's badge was the most noticed and commented upon.

Lehigh teams, both base-ball and lacrosse, have gone into training, and it is expected that they will win honors this spring. Brothers Reed and Homer will represent us in the former and Brothers Roundey, Miller and Williams will play on the lacrosse team, while it is hoped, and with good reason, too, that Brother Edgar will also play on the latter team.

The "Mustard and Cheese," our dramatic society, has organized and four of our men will play this year. The society expects to play in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

We were glad to hear of the revival of the University of Michigan chapter and the founding of a chapter at Chicago. Alpha Rho greets her new sisters.

George Bassett Williams.

South Bethlehem, Pa., February 26, 1897.

SECOND PROVINCE.

ZETA-WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Our foot-ball team had a very successful season this year, having lost but one game. For years it has been the heart's desire of every foot-ball enthusiast at Washington and Lee to see her beat the V. M. I. on the gridiron. At last their desire has been fulfilled. In our last game we beat them, the score being 6-o. Bedlam reigned supreme for some hours after the game and excitement ran high. It is usually the case that the V. M. I. beats us in foot-ball, and we get even in base-ball, but this year we hope to be victors in both. Our scores for the season were: Miller o, Washington and Lee 22; V. M. I. 12, Washington and Lee o; St. Johns o, Washington and Lee 24; Roanoke o, Washington and Lee 6; V. M. I. o, Washington and Lee 6.

The Graham Lee Literary Society had its intermediate celebration on January 19th, Gen. R. E. Lee's birthday. Brother Snyder was chief marshal.

Our president, Gen. G. W. Curtis Lee, sent in his resignation during the holidays. Gen. Lee has offered his resignation several times, but the university has been loathe to give him up. Of late, however, his health has been in such a condition that he will be compelled to travel abroad. The trustees conferred upon him the title of president emeritus, with full salary and his house during his lifetime. His successor has not yet been elected.

G. R. Houston.

Lexington, Va., January 21, 1897.

TAU-ROANOKE COLLEGE.

Tau is beginning to gather the strength essential to every chapter. We feel that our progress since the revival has been steady. We stand to-day a better equipped chapter than our fondest hopes anticipated, and we are glad to say that we owe this to no individual man; every man has come manfully to the front to sustain Tau's position and to bring her to the place that we hope to see her occupy in Sigma Chi. With this end in view we have ever held up as our criterion the standard of manhood so clearly depicted in the October number of the Quarterly. So far we have initiated but three men, two of whom we have

already introduced, Brothers E. B. Hubbard, Virginia, and B. B. Reynaud, Louisiana; the third is Brother W. A. Brown, of Danville, Va.

We were glad to have with us during the holidays Brother Hamilton, of Zeta. Our chapter is much pleased with the changes proposed in the new constitution. Since our last letter a chapter of Phi Kappa Alpha has been installed at this place. Brother Henderson Lee, who has been too ill to attend to his law practice this winter, is still confined to his home, but is much improved.

With greetings to all Sigs. Salem, Va., January 26, 1897.

TAU CHAPTER.

GAMMA GAMMA-RANDOPLH-MACON COLLEGE.

The usual routine of college life has been undisturbed since our last letter. There have been, however, several pleasant breaks in the monotony. The chapter enjoyed very much her visitors who have called from time to time. Among them we may mention the old Gamma Gamma men, Christian, of Johns-Hopkins; Watts, of Psi chapter, and Daune. On Thanksgiving Day the game in Richmond between the Universities of Virginia and North Carolina brought together a score or more of Sigma Chis. There was a reunion of Gamma Gamma men and a very neat little dinner that night at the Hotel Jefferson. We can thank other chapters, too, for the great pleasure derived from their letters, and we are indebted to still others for several invitations to various functions. The hospitality of our Fraternity seems to be unbounded. To all our men we can assure a Virginia welcome should they visit these parts.

The college world is just emerging from the usual drudgery of examinations. Now that they are over it is hoped that interest in athletic and other things will revive. Applications for positions on the baseball team are now being filed and prospects are fair for a team which will sustain our reputation on the Virginia diamond. The foot-ball season was not so successful as it might have been. Although plucky and well trained our team was light and had the misfortune of always lining up against men who had plenty of pounds to spare. Notwith-standing this we managed to defeat William and Mary College twice in succession. In the more immediate college circle work has been unusually good this session. The course of faculty lectures is still in progress, the gymnasium classes have given a very creditable exhibition and the glee and banjo club is rehearsing for a concert before Lent begins.

With best wishes for all chapters this letter is brought to a close.

Ashland, Va., February 1, 1897.

A. H. LICKLIDER.

SIGMA SIGMA-HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE.

The second term of the present session opened on the 4th of January and all Sigma Chis were found in their accustomed places. As usual, each man reported that the holidays were the most pleasant he had ever spent, but still all seemed glad to meet once more around the convivial board in our chapter hall. Our number has not been increased since our last letter for the reason that the proper material has not made an appearance. But small as our chapter is (five active members) we decided to give a banquet to our lady friends and January 29th was chosen as the day. On the evening of that day the hospitable home of Mrs. T. R. English was indeed "a scene of revelry by night." The parlors were tastefully decorated, Sigma Chi colors being prominently dis-- played. Many a fair type of southern womanhood also donned the blue and gold. At ten o'clock we repaired to the dining hall, where a most bountiful supper was served. Several of our alumni and members of other fraternities entertained us with speeches between the courses. Brother Mauzy acted as toastmaster and in this capacity he was found exceedingly entertaining. Brother George H. Denny, our professor of Latin, in a few witty remarks delivered the welcome to our guests. was followed by Brother Southall, who toasted the ladies as no one else could have done, proving conclusively that, although "woman is coy, uncertain and hard to please," the earth would be a void without her. The last orator of the evening was Mr. H. H. Shelton, Kappa Sigma, who, in his usual attractive style, spoke of our fraternity life while in It was with light and happy hearts that the crowd dispersed, each one pronouncing the Sigma Chi banquet a great success.

Base-ball is the absorbing topic of conversation at present. We expect to have on the diamond this year one of the best teams in the state. The writer again has the honor of being manager of the team. We already have a good schedule arranged. Brother Herndon is sure to make left field.

Sigma Sigma sends greetings and best wishes to all her sister chapters, from several of which she has received letters during the present session.

S. M. Mason.

Hampden-Sidney, Va., February 1, 1897.

ALPHA TAU-UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

It was with much regret that Alpha Tau noted the absence of her letter in the last edition of the QUARTERLY. I shall endeavor to make known our situation in this letter, which I hope will atone for our silence last time.

Alpha Tau opened the new college year with the following old men back: Kieley, '96; Edgerton, '97; Wood, '98; McEachem, '99, and Williams, ex-'98, who is new studying medicine. We immediately set to work and by zealous efforts succeeded in securing three fine men, whom I take great pleasure in introducing. They are: William D. Simpson, of Monroe, N. C., who entered the junior class; Charles J. O'Hagan, Jr., of Greenville, N. C., who entered the medical department, and Louis E. Hall, of Wilmington, N. C., who entered the "soph" class. We were very fortunate in securing Brother Hall, as he has three brothers who are "K. A's" and who was bid for very strongly here by the chapter of that fraternity. They are all fine men of the best families of the "Old North State."

The freshman class numbers about one hundred and twenty-five and there is an abundance of good material in it, but owing to the restrictions placed on the fraternities here we are not allowed to even pledge them until October of their sophomore year. Still we have our eyes on several fine men whom we hope to introduce as "Sigs" next year.

Our foot-ball team of '96 was quite a failure, owing to the fact that the men were all new with only three exceptions and men who had had little or no experience in the foot-ball line.

Our base-ball team is already in training, and every afternoon you can hear the familiar "crack" of the ball at bat. The team promises to be equally as strong as last year's nine, which has a record of eleven victories and only one defeat, which was administered by the crack team from Princeton. Among the victories were games with Yale, Lehigh, Hobart, two games; Lafayette and the University of Virginia. We have a very good schedule of games for this spring, our first game being on the 27th of March with our old rivals, University of Virginia. We expect to have the pleasure of a visit from four Sigs when Virginia comes down here, as there are four Sigs on the team. We will probably have one representative on the team this year, namely, the scribe.

We are happy to note the applications for chapters from Universities of Chicago and Michigan and we heartily indorse them.

With best wishes to our sister chapters and a welcome hand of brotherhood to Xi Xi, we bid you all godspeed.

Chapel Hill, N. C., January 25, 1897.

ROY WILLIAMS.

THIRD PROVINCE.

ALPHA-MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

The last term at "Old Miami" has been a very quiet one. Our foot-ball team finished the season in good shape, winning from Uni-

versity of Cincinnati, Dayton Athletic Club, Earlham College and University of Indianapolis, and losing to the University of Indianapolis and to DePauw University. When the University of Indianapolis played here we had the pleasure of entertaining Brother John S. Weaver, Rho, '98. On the return game with the same team at Indianapolis Brothers Garrett, Kline and Watt were royally entertained by Rho chapter and had the pleasure of assisting at their initiation. On Thanksgiving Day Brothers Garrett, Mortland and Watt enjoyed the hospitality of Xi chapter. The Sigs, aided by the Delta Tau Delta boys, gave a dance for them in the evening and in many other respects made their stay a pleasant one. They wish to return hearty thanks for the kindness extended to them.

Since Christmas we have moved into our new gymnasium, which is one of the finest in the west. The gymnasium proper has a floor space of 15,000 square feet and is splendidly equipped with the finest and most modern apparatus. Benefiting by the careful training we expect to receive here and under good coaching, we hope to turn out the finest base-ball team in our history. Brother Mortland is captain and Brother Watt looks after the financial affairs. We will have one or two men on the team.

Although college affairs are very quiet at present Alpha has received a couple of honors at the hands of the students. Brother Garrett, who played right end on the eleven this year and was our only representative on the eleven this season, was recently elected captain for next year by an unanimous vote of the team. Brother Watt, of the senior class, was recently chosen as class day orator. But the pleasures are not unmixed with sorrows, and so it is with great sorrow that we announce that Brother Stanley M. Beck, '99, has been compelled to leave us by the illness of his father. He is a loyal Sig and will be greatly missed. carried with him our best wishes for his future success. Brother Percy Murray, '99, has also been compelled to withdraw from school and his departure leaves us somewhat weak in numbers. However, we have some fine men pledged and will take them in immediately after the semi-annual examinations. The Phi Delta Theta chapter has been very unfortunate of late and is now reduced to two active members. Delta Kappa Epsilon and Beta Theta Pi number respectively sixteen and thirteen members.

With best wishes to each and every Sigma Chi.

Oxford, O., January 30, 1897.

WILL M. FOWLER.

GAMMA-OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Gamma thus far in the term cannot introduce to Sigma Chi any new brothers, yet she wishes to introduce a new pledged man, Mr. E. O. Irish. He will make a typical Sig, and "Old William" is becoming impatient to test his strength. Mr. Irish is a member of the sophomore class and is a strong man in athletic and social circles. He is an excellent student and in every way promises to be a heroic defender of the cross. Gamma lost not a man during vacation. All hands returned with renewed energy, and it is evident that the white cross will lose no lustre here.

The foot-ball season at Ohio Wesleyan University last term was a success in every respect. But two games out of nine played were lost. Our Thanksgiving game at Marietta, O., was a complete victory, the score being 16-0 in O. W. U.'s favor. Our other games resulted as follows: O. W. U. 10, Case 0; O. W. U. 6, Adelbert 22; O. W. U. 0, U. of C. 6; O. W. U. 8, Otterbein 6; O. W. U. 10, O. S. U. 4; O. W. U. 10, O. M. U. 0; O. W. U. 25, Dennison, 0; O. W. U. 6, Wittenberg 0 (by default). The season was also financially successful. The athletic association is in better condition financially than ever before. As to the prospects for base-ball, we would say that they are flattering. With but few exceptions we will have the same team as last year. Brother Donnigan was elected manager of the foot-ball team for next year and a grand list of games is expected.

The success of Gamma cannot all be attributed to her members alone. Our fair sisters have contributed much to her success, and we can but heartily indorse Brother Taylor's poem, "The Sigma Chi Maid," when expressing our gratitude for their endeavors.

Gamma is glad to announce the visits of Brothers William F. Baker, '96, and H. J. Crawford, '96. These brothers surely have true Sigma Chi spirit. It was their efforts which helped Gamma to gain her present superiority in the Qhio Wesleyan University.

H. A. COSLER.

Delaware, O., January 19, 1897.

MU-DENISON UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter fraternity and college life at Denison has been rather quiet but entirely satisfactory. We have kept our eyes open for new men and have pledged two and initiated one. It is with pleasure that we introduce Brother Harry Davis, of Newark, O. Last election night ten of us accepted Alpha Gamma's invitation to visit them in their home and hear the election returns. We were royally entertained by our

Columbus brothers and hope to return the compliment some time in the future.

We have gathered in a few of the college honors this year. Brother Colby was elected vice-president of the athletic association; Brother Canby, vice-president of Franklin Literary Society, and Brother Massie, president of the sophomore class. Brother Wiltsee is one of the corps of editors of the College Annual. Several of the offices of the military department, which was recently added to the university, have fallen among us. Brothers Wiltsee and Colby are commissioned officers and Brothers Wagner and Sample non-commissioned officers.

Socially we have been up to the standard. Our stag banquet held on the Friday night before Christmas was perhaps the most enjoyable occasion of last term. The active chapter, the resident alumni and two loyal friends were present. Throughout the evening "mirth and plenty" ruled supreme.

During the last few months we have received short visits from Brothers Howard Ferris, Frank Morse, Albert DeArmond, of Cincinnati, and Brother Brotherton, of Delphos, O., which visits were very much enjoyed.

We are now engaged in enlarging and refurnishing our rooms. With a cordial invitation for all Sigs who may chance by our way to visit us. Granville, O., January 21, 1897. HARRY W. Amos.

ZETA ZETA-CENTRE COLLEGE.

The winter term at old Centre finds Zeta Zeta in much better condition than did the beginning of the session. We had lost heavily by graduation last June, and at the opening of the college year only four old men had returned, these being Brothers Van Winkle, Mize, Lyle and the writer. Good fraternity material was somewhat scarce, and, as we still insisted on quality, we were at first compelled to be content with depleted ranks, but we are again firmly planted in our old position at the front. We beg to present to the Fraternity at large Emmet Field McElroy, '97, of Springfield, Ky.; William R. Magaffin, '98, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Ernest Thurston Smith, Law, '98, Danville, Ky., and William Stanfield, Law, '98, Mayfield, Ky. Of this galaxy we are indeed proud. In our next letter we expect to introduce several others.

At the opening of the Law School in October we were most happy to welcome Brother Henry S. McElroy into our circle again. Brother McElroy is the crack orator of the college and will doubtless add several more victories to his already large list.

In foot-ball Centre College, as usual, has maintained her supremacy.

We won every game but one, which was a tie with Cincinnati University, the score being 12-12. We defeated Vanderbilt by a score of 46 to 0; State College, 34 to 0 and 32 to 0; Louisville Athletic Club twice by scores of 16 to 6 and 28 to 0; University of West Virginia by a score of 6 to 0, a total of 174 points to 18 against us. Sustained by such an overwhelming list of triumphs, can it be a source of wonder that we claim the championship of the south? Zeta Zeta was represented on the team by Brothers A. C. Van Winkle, left half-back, and E. F. McElroy, substitute tackle. "Dickey" (as he is known the length and breadth of the state) Van Winkle, who is the star half-back of the south, played the game of his life. Mr. H. M. Anderson, of Princeton, coached the team. In base-ball the coming spring Centre will have all last year's men back but two, and as we won the championship of the state in '96, we hope to have a still better record for '97.

Zeta Zeta extends greetings to all sister chapters and will be glad to entertain any Sigs who come our way. Come and you'll own the town. We will also be glad to hear from any of the chapters.

Danville, Ky., January 19, 1897.

CARL MCKNIGHT.

ZETA PSI-UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

The new year finds us in an enviable position. While the active chapter has lost two men, those who remain are keeping up the old gold and blue. Brother McAvoy is the manager of the base-ball team and is full of great schemes for an eastern trip. Brother Reynolds is the leader of the mandolin club and during the Christmas trip indulged several states with the strains of his melodious mandolin.

We have moved our rooms down town to the Pike Building, No. 330. A large number of our alumni brethren have joined the active chapter in a plan by which part of the burden of rent is taken from the shoulders of the active chapter and by which the alumni also have the use of the rooms. The Sigs of this city will be glad to have Sigs from other places visit them at their rooms.

On the night of December 23, 1896, we gathered for the last time in our Clifton avenue rooms, and midst the bleat of the goat and sulphurous satanic smells initiated Walter Francis Murray, '97, of Covington, Ky., whom we now introduce. Brother Murray is a fine fellow and in every way worthy of wearing the white cross.

Cincinnati, O., January 30, 1897.

PHILIP HAYWARD.

LAMBDA LAMBDA-KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE.

Lambda Lambda sends greetings to her sister chapters. She can well say that she is doing well. We have the good fortune, as well as

the honor, to introduce our new brother, Perry West, '00, of Nicholasville. He is a good student, a fine fellow, and one of whom Sigma Chi may be proud. The social feeling has not been lacking; in one evening we gave a reception at our hall, a dance, and a banquet, at which were present all of the Sig "sisters." The evening was thoroughly enjoyed, and ended with the song "A Sig I Am."

All of the brothers are doing well and are prominent in their respective departments. Brother Anderson, '97, is not only Captain Anderson of Company B, but also president of the Mechanical Engineering Society; Brother F. D. Bullock, '99, is secretary.

The Mechanical Engineering Society is going to publish, in June, a journal, *The Kentucky Engineer*, and Brother Blessing, '97, our ex-associate editor, was chosen editor-in-chief. Among his assistants are Brothers Anderson, '97, and Green, '97; the latter of whom had the honor of being elected manager of next season's foot-ball team.

Lexington, Ky., February 18, 1897.

S. A. Bullock.

MU MU-WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

December 21st marks the end of the fall term examinations. After two weeks of holidays now hallowed with the visions and endearments of home and imparadised with the memories of brunettes and blondes of graceful motions and entrancing symphonies, the young mountaineer soldiery of letters and the quill is again tented on the field of action. Numerically the university is prospering as never before. Thorough, earnest and conscientious work pervades the management of the individual schools. Under a broad, comprehensive and elevated administration, our university would rank in the vanguard of the best colleges of the country. A special chair in physics was created last June. The establishment of a chair in elocution as well as distinct chairs in economics, metaphysics, history and political science is confidently expected at the meeting of the board of regents next June.

Above the ken of our college horizon the star of Sigma Chi omens bright. In the fraternity constellation of the University of West Virginia the white cross glitters in the ascendant. Mu Mu now numbers seventeen live, energetic and enthusiastic members. Since our last letter A. P. Romine, '99; C. C. Jarvis, '00, and A. Lee Post, '98, all of Harrison county, West Virginia, have been acquainted with the mysteries of Sigma Chi; also John W. Hugus, '99, of Wheeling, Ohio county, W. Va. Notwithstanding the large enrollment this school year, fraternity possibilities according to the Sigma Chi standard are limited. Our chapter prefers to remain intact with a conservative and

congenial membership than to invite the leavening consequences of unadvisable accessions. However, we have the pledge of some excellent goating timber for next year.

At the posts of honor and position in the university our boys have taken high and enviable rank. Of the two editors of the college paper, the *Athenaeum*, one is a Sigma Chi, as is likewise the business manager of that organ.

In the preliminary oratorical contest occuring February 22d, requiring from the Parthenon and Columbian Literary Societies of the university three orators each out of which to choose the most successful to represent the university in the intercollegiate contest that takes place here at Morgantown next May among the colleges of Thiel, Westminster, Geneva, Allegheny, Western University of Pennsylvania, Waynesburg, Bethany and the University of West Virginia, one of the orators is a paladin of the gold and the blue. In the inter-society contest between the above-named literary societies next commencement the debater and orator as well as the present president of the Parthenon Literary Society are Sigma Chis. Of the two editors of The University Daily, a periodical of issues published commencement week, our chapter furnishes one. One of our number is captain of the foot-ball team for the coming year. Four of our boys were heroes on the gridiron in the foot-ball season just past. Brothers H. L. Swisher, John G. Knutti, W. T. Ice and H. F. Yost are in the graduating class this year.

Brother Robert Meade, initiate of Tau, and Brother M. C. List, initiate of Zeta, matriculated at the university, the former in September, the latter in January. We cordially welcome these brothers in our midst. Their genial faces and bonhomie bespeak their worth and our appreciation of them. Brother Cutright, '95, now an assistant in the preparatory department, is back with us again after an absence of nearly all last term because of illness.

January 22d our chapter took up its abode in new quarters in a handsome and commodious new hall which will be used exclusively for
assembly and reception purposes. Heretofore our chapter meetings
have been held in the students' rooms of our Sigma Chi brethren because
no hall of a suitable character was available and we preferred to bide
our time and secure a first-class, up-to-date hall rather than be put off
with "any old thing." Our hall is comfortably furnished and in it are
placed the best papers, magazines and current readable matter obtainable. With the past secure, inspired by its monuments, we await the
possibilities of the future with hearts redoubted and aglow with confidence. With best wishes to our sister chapters.

A. P. Romine.

Morgantown, W. Va., January 23, 1897.

ALPHA GAMMA-OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Gamma chapter has been earnest in the cause of Sigma Chi since our last letter. Although not large in numbers we have been working ahead and certainly have no cause to be unduly exercised as to our future welfare. In all sincerity and with due respect to our sister chapters, we will venture to say that there is no crowd of young men in the fraternity at large where that cementing influence, brotherly love, so continually pervades their gatherings as that of Alpha Gamma. Since last term we have pledged William C. Dakin, of Sabina, O., who is in every respect worthy of wearing our sacred emblem. Our chapter life has been so replete with joyful occasions that I will only mention a few of them. On the evening of November 3d we listened to election returns by special telegraph service in our hall, and we shall never forget that gathering. Considering this occasion quite an innovation in chapter life, we invited both Gamma and Mu chapters, together with our alumni. The Denison boys were here in a body and Alpha Gamma must certainly say "a finer lot of fellows you will never come across." Brother Theobald had looked after the wants of the inner man, not only in the solid and liquid, but also in the gaseous states, the latter being mostly speeches and songs. The evening was spent in jolly goodfellowship and in becoming better acquainted with our Mu, Gamma and alumni brothers.

On Thanksgiving Eve we held our annual banquet and initiation. We now take pleasure in introducing to Sigdom Brother Fred J. Jeffrey, '99, Columbus, O., who is already hard at work in the interests of Sigma Chi.

The mandolin and glee clubs gave their annual concert on the evening of December 8th, under the excellent leadership of Brother W. L. Evans, '92. The chapter turned out to a man, being chaperoned by Brother and Mrs. Amor Sharp.

Brother John A. McGrew has left us to accept a position in the maintenance of way department of the C. & P. R. R. Brother Paul Hardy has withdrawn until next year, and consequently seven active men and one pledge are left.

D. M. McDonald.

Columbus, O., January 28, 1897.

FOURTH PROVINCE.

LAMBDA-INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Lambda had as much to say for herself in the November QUARTERLY as any chapter, but by a fault of the undersigned her letter was not sent

in time for publication. Even at this late date it may not prove uninteresting to state, briefly, the situation at the opening of the school year. The first point of vantage which Lambda had over her rivals was the return of twelve men of last year. Brother Axtell, through sophomore in '94; Brother Halstead, through sophomore in '93, and Brother Applewhite of Hanover College made the number fifteen. At the end of two weeks six men, all highly recommended, had been initiated. They are smart, congenial and worthy. Their names: Bayard Keeney of Rising Sun, a brother of that prince of good fellows, "Lord" Burke Keeney; Will Mitchell of Martinsville, whose father was a Lambda Sig in the '60's; Edward Davis of Rising Sun, Kline of Scottsburg, Horace W. Pugh of Terra Haute, and Fred Batman of Bedford. As stated above. the chapter was so situated that it need not of necessity take in a single man, consequently the standard of admission was raised high. Weaver of Delta Delta, and Brother Sauber of Xi entered Indiana University this term, making an active membership of twenty-three.

During the past term Lambda's specialty has been society. On an average we have had a social each week. The second Saturday afternoon in November an "open meeting" was given, which was one of the most unique affairs ever given here. A general invitation was extended to the ladies to visit us at our hall, from one to five in the afternoon. The hall was darkened, lit up by candelabra and decorated with smilax and cut flowers. Cocoa and bon-bons were served. Eighty-five young ladies were entertained.

The beginning of last term Lambda spent \$225 in improving her hall in the way of wall decorations and furniture. We are complimented as having the prettiest rooms in Indiana University.

Five of the sixteen members of the Indiana University Glee Club are Sigs, namely: Brothers Romney Wilson, Carl Betcher, Louis Heyn, Frank Robinson and Edward Davis. Brothers Betcher and Wilson are first and second tenors, respectively, on the Indiana University quartette. Brother Wilson is club accompanist and director of the university band. The club made quite a successful tour of the State during the holidays, and through the courtesy of the L. & N. R. Co., will make a trip to Pensacola, Fla., giving concerts en route in March.

Brother Harry Axtell has been elected manager of the invincible Indiana University ball team for this season. Brother Romney Wilson is almost sure of a place on the team, and Brothers Bradley and Halstead are in training for shortstop and pitcher respectively.

On Foundation Day (January 20th) Goldsmith's comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," was presented by the students. Brothers Halstead and Heyn had prominent parts.

Internally the chapter is prosperous. The brothers are more "clannish" than before, though not to that indiscreet degree which is objectionable.

We enjoyed visits from several Xi Sigs, and Brother Ira Bordner, through Junior with '95, the past term.

We have a committee at work reviewing the proposed constitution.

Annual letters have been received from several sister chapters, notably from Mu Mu.

WILL L. HALSTEAD.

Bloomington, Ind., February 7, 1897.

RHO-BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

To all our sister chapters Rho sends her usual greetings. We have not engaged in many active demonstrations, but we are still alive, as we demonstrated to one of "our friends the enemy" in the bitterest fraternity fight ever waged here. The "Sigs to be" are somewhat scarce this year. On the night of November 13th, by the help of Brothers Garrett, Cline and Watt, of Alpha, and several of our alumni, we introduced into the mysteries of our order Charles B. Cooper and Samuel M. Dyson, both of Indianapolis.

The chapter regrets to announce the loss of Brothers Clint Wallace, 'oo, who has accepted a position in the city, and John Weaver, '98, who has gone to Indiana University. We have been keeping up our social duties, having given several informal parties, a hay ride, bob-sled and a big dance New Year's which was attended by many of our alumni and Sigs from different chapters.

We have received a most interesting letter from Mu Mu showing the proper spirit. We congratulate them upon their success and wish them a prosperous year.

The colleges composing the University of Indianapolis are arranging for a big demonstration on Washington's birthday. The students will have a big parade, an address by ex-President Harrison and attend one of the theaters that night.

Little can be said as to base-ball yet, although a good coach has been secured and there is some good new material in the schools for a winning team. We expect to be represented by Brother Dyson. Golf is to be introduced in Irvington. Some of the students and alumni have become interested in the game and have requested the co-operation of the college athletic committee. The links will be laid out along Pleasant run, across the creek and fields, as soon as the weather permits.

Rho heartily indorses the establishment of the chapter at the University of Chicago and hopes to have a representative at the initiation. Irvington, Ind., January 30, 1897.

X. Y. Z.

CHI-HANOVER COLLEGE.

Chi once more greets her sisters with her "All's well." Since our last letter we have initiated Herbert Dickey Britain into the inner workings of our mystic circle and pledged L. C. Needham and J. A. Bodin, both of the Windy City, members of the preparatory department, and now patiently await the coming of spring, when the "tack-fed, odoriferous inhabitant of Hooligan's alley" will be turned loose.

At the close of last term we gave our semi-annual banquet, an affair in every way a howling success, to a great extent made so by the assistance of our loyal Sig girls, who are not only well worthy but truly proud of the "glittering White Cross."

We were pleased to have with us Brothers Van Alling, Graham Crozier, Gibson and Valentine, all of Delta Delta. At the opening of the present term we were glad to once more welcome Brother Applewhite, recently of Lambda, who, like the prodigal in the days of old, returned. We also take this opportunity of acknowledging letters from Delta Delta, Mu Mu, et al.

Chi sends all Sigdom her best wishes, especially Theta Theta and Omicron Omicron. May these sisters guard well the sacred honor of the Cross.

H. T. GRAHAM.

Hanover, Ind., February 1, 1897.

DELTA DELTA-PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Since we told our quarterly story in November Providence has been so kind to Delta Delta that she is glad to have the opportunity to tell another, and that as optimistic as the first. There are several things, however, which we mention with much regret, the departure from our circle of Brothers T. J. Barnes, '99, and J. R. Gebhart, '97. The former had to leave on account of poor health soon after our last letter was written, but expects to return to college next year. He is in Lafayette, though, and with us at meetings quite often. Brother Gebhart left at the end of the first term to engage in business at Columbus, O.

The foot-ball team closed a very successful season, considering its weight, by playing a tie game with the University of Illinois on Thanksgiving Day. The game was played at Lafayette and we had many visiting Sigs with us on the Columbian coach. Purdue won games from DePauw and Notre Dame. We were glad to see in our halls many Sigs from the former college. They gave glowing accounts of their successes at DePauw this year.

On December 4th we gave a very enjoyable dance at the Lincoln

Club, and on the 18th of the same month held an alumni reunion and meeting which was followed by a smoker, the whole being a great success.

In our last the fact was mentioned that we were still on the lookout for new men, and as a proof of this we present Brother Adolph Schleicher, '99, of Indianapolis, Ind. His capture was a considerable triumph for us, as he had been rushed hard by our strongest rivals for a considerable time before we met him or he had even entered the university. He is an A_I man and one whom we are sure will reflect credit on Sigma Chi. We have also a new pledge who entered college this term. He is Mr. Ralph A. Bond, 'oo, of Fort Wayne, Ind., whose good qualities will be mentioned later. These additions bring the chapter roll up to thirteen (which number does not seem to be unlucky for us), with four pledged freshmen.

The glee and mandolin clubs had a splendid prospect before them, but dissensions got in their work and now they have followed the example of the Lehigh and Ann Arbor clubs and are no more. Brothers Badet and Earheart and Mr. Rickley, one of our pledges, were on the mandolin club, while Brother Barnes and Mr. Flinn, another pledge, were on the glee club. Brother Barnes was vice-president of the sophomore class, while Mr. Flinn is president of the freshman class. Brother Gebhart was first captain in the battallion with every prospect of being major if he had remained. Brother McGaffey is a first lieutenant, while several of the other brothers hold non-commissioned offices. Your scribe was one of the fortunates selected for Tau Beta Pi from the junior class, there being only one other fraternity man. We have been unrepresented in athletics this year, but hope to have some men on the track team.

The chapter has adopted quite a pretty pledge pin of gold and blue enamel in the shape of a pennant, having on it the letters Sigma Chi and Delta Delta.

We were very glad to have with us at our last initiation Brother Fremont Goodwin, Delta Delta, '94. Brother George Cullom, Delta Delta, '94, ex-Rho, also paid us a short visit recently. Brother John L. Flannery, Delta Delta, '99, Alpha Phi, '00, delighted the hearts of those Sigs who remained in Lafayette during the Christmas vacation by appearing unexpectedly on the scene. We were glad to see him and to hear of our brothers at Cornell, who deserve great credit for their game struggle to build a house. The sympathy and best wishes of Delta Delta are with them. Mu Mu's first annual letter has been received and we compliment them on their enterprise.

Giving the glad hand of welcome to the two prospective new chapters, we wish them much success.

B. G. Fernald.

Lafayette, Ind., January 25, 1897.

FIFTH PROVINCE.

OMEGA-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The winter term opened with the personnel of the chapter unchanged from that of last term, with the exception of Brother Wells, who did not return. No new men have put in an appearance, so there is little doing in the rushing line. However, with the rake-off that we made last term we manage to be pretty much on earth.

Social life is quite gay at Northwestern University this winter. Numerous informal parties are being given at which Sigma Chi is always well represented. We gave a dancing party at McCarrel's Hall last week. But the event of the year will be the "Junior Prom." to be given at the Country Club on the 19th of February. Every able-bodied Sig will be there.

During the term we have had the pleasure of receiving visits from Brother Arms, Praetor of the fifth province, and from Brother Dick Slaughter, of Texas. Our latchstring is always hanging out for any Sig who may chance to wander our way, and, though the weather is cold, it will not diminish the warmth of our welcome. In closing, Omega extends the "glad hand" to all her sister chapters.

Evanston, Ill., January 28, 1897. CARLETON H. PENDLETON.

THETA THETA-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

It has been two years since Theta Theta has written for the QUARTERLY. A glance at the present membership will show that we have added four to our number since we were heard from through the Bulletin. The last two years have been full of planning and diligent work, but the results show that the efforts of Townsend, Kennedy, Stoneman and others have not been fruitless. We will not tire you with a lengthy review of our situation, as Brother Danforth is to give an extended account of Michigan and Theta Theta in the next issue of the QUARTERLY. We are comfortably located at No. I Volland street. Preparations are being made for a twentieth anniversary celebration at commencement. Our present chapter roll is as follows: Louis B. Alger, '97; Carl S. Kennedy, '98; Albert H. Stoneman, '97; Robert S. Danforth, '98; Carl Cooper, P. G.; William L. Love, '98; Ard Ezra Richardson, '98; Arthur D. Stansell, '99; Charles F. Delbridge, '99; Frank

S. Bachelder, '99; Hugh Law, '99; Leroy Webster, '00; Burton Greening, '00; Ebbie G. Beuret, '00, and George E. Granger, '00.

In addition to these there are in the university the following Sigs: Blake, Xi; Kingsley, Alpha Xi; Egan and Fenton, Alpha; Dean, Lambda Lambda; Cooper, Gamma; Pitman, Alpha Lambda; Hervey, Shultz, Carr and Lee, Alpha Pi, and Newhardt, Eta Eta.

Ann Arbor, Mich., February 1, 1897.

ROBERT DANFORTH.

KAPPA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

A ripple of excitement has passed over the university to vary the monotony of the winter term. This event was the annual freshman social which took place in Urbana last Thursday. It was generally supposed and hoped that the old spirit of class antagonism had gone to its last rest, but spirit, eye-water and sundry other noxious substances cropped out in quantity during the grand march. The freshmen were forced to abandon the dance and take to the roof. The faculty and Chicago newspapers took the matter very seriously, and perhaps justly so. Many expulsions are sure to follow. Invitations are already out for the president's "inquest," but unlike other social functions, no Sigs are as yet included among the invited guests.

We held our winter initiation January 16th, and it is needless to say that the candidate will vouch for the fact that he was not slighted in any way. The new brother is William J. Brown, 'oo, Urbana, Ill., whom we introduce with pleasure. We have also several other fine men in view, but have lost a valuable man in Brother Ed. C. Cooper, who has left college to go into business with his brother in Aurora. Our present active membership is fifteen men, and this number will shortly be increased, and our prospects seem indeed bright.

Our representation on the base-ball team next spring is at most a little doubtful, Brother Carnahan being too deeply engrossed in his studies to play again this year. Brother Keener, aside from his prowess with the mit, deserves honorable mention as being the only remaining candidate.

The town seems even busier than usual in a social way, and Kappa Kappa has her full share of honors. Preparations are now being made for our annual banquet which is soon to take place. We will be represented at the Chicago initiation by Brothers Woody, Kiler, Burnham and perhaps several others. We wish the new chapter all success.

Greetings, etc.

FRED H. WILSON.

Champaign, Ill., January 27, 1897.

XI XI-MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

Greeting! Once more Xi Xi bows to the brotherhood and extends greetings to all loyal Sigs everywhere. The university is flourishing in all departments. Several new chairs have recently been established, thus materially strengthening our already strong faculty. Recently, by special recommendation of Secretary Francis, the university acquired 24,000 acres of land which goes to the agricultural department, a very material aid. These additions, together with the endowment bill which is now pending, will make the Missouri one of the best endowed of western universities. In spite of the financial depression the enrollment this year is greater than ever before and new students are constantly entering now for the second semester. During the interim we have not been inactive. Since our last letter we have initiated three men who will henceforth do honor to the white cross of "Sigma." It gives us pleasure, therefore, to introduce to the fraternity Brothers W. R. Scudder, 'oo, of Kearney, Mo.; Andrew J. Bass, '99, of Columbia, Mo., and J. H. Hatton, '97, of College Mound, Mo. These are all good men and we are proud of them. We also have some good pledges whom we hope to introduce to our William ere long, and are constantly on the lookout for other Sig material.

We are grieved that we cannot have with us the next semester Brother Claude Crowly, who has left us to continue his medical course in Louisville, Ky. However, he writes us he is in the midst of a jolly crowd of alumni Sigs there, so we know that he will not lack for good company.

Midyear examinations are now a thing of the past. With all their horrors they are gone, and, looking over the roster of Sigma Chi, we find every member can again answer to his name. We intend to maintain this good record and will take none but good students into the bonds of Sigma Chi. Our members are all enthusiastic, and if that counts for anything it will not be long before Sigma Chi is second to no fraternity in Missouri State University. That day we hope is not far off, and we promise our brothers elsewhere that we will labor with might and zeal to make M. S. U. a stronghold of Sigma Chi.

During December the tigers toured the south and played a series of games with Texas University and other southern colleges. They won all the games played there and so attracted attention that they received an offer to tour Mexico and play a series of exhibition games at Monterey, San Louis, Potosi and the City of Mexico. They accepted, but neglected, however, to ask the faculty to extend their leave of absence. They played the games scheduled and the trip proved to be a financial

success in spite of the fact that the Mexicans say the game is brutal and that bull-fighting is more humane. However, when the boys returned the trouble began. They were summoned before the faculty and the captain, manager and coach were expelled from the university and the rest of the team reprimanded by the president. On their southern trip the tigers scored something like 200 points to their opponents' 18.* The outlook for a base-ball team is much brighter this year than last. A trainer will be engaged and we hope to meet several of the western universities on the diamond this year. Brother George Crowly will be a candidate for center field, which position he creditably held last year. Rumor says there are several fine "twirlers" in the university, which was our weakest point last season.

We have been visited by two loyal Sigs since our last letter, Brothers Horace L. Dyer, Theta Theta, '94, and Packard, Alpha Epsilon. The latter played full-back on the Nebraska foot-ball team and was very instrumental in bringing about our defeat at their hands. The former again related to us the story of the election and initiation of the victorious chief executive into the mysteries of Sigma Chi. He related the story of the surrender of Theta Theta's charter and the cause of its surrender.

We acknowledge correspondence from Alpha Nu and Mu Mu. Thanks to Omega for a very welcome song-book. The boys love to rehearse the good old Sig songs which the book contains. Wishing you all godspeed, we bid you all adieu.

Columbia, Mo., January 27, 1897.

J. D. RIPPEY.

*But how about the Kansas game?—[ED.

ALPHA ZETA-BELOIT COLLEGE.

Since our last letter, which told of the prospects for Alpha Zeta, we have not been idle in turning these prospects into realities, and "still there's more to follow." Last term five men were gathered to the fold, and we are glad to introduce as brothers John A. McCan, '98, of Beloit; Frank H. Meadows, '00, of East Troy, Wis.; William T. Whitney, '00, of Waterloo, Iowa; John W. McQueen, '00, of Elgin, Ill., and Harry R. Mussey, '00, of Atkinson, Ill. These are men who have the honor and welfare of Sigma Chi at heart, and we of Alpha Zeta feel that they are indeed worthy to wear the noble white cross.

Our chapter is well represented in the different departments of college life. Of the board of editors of the Round Table Brother Moore, '98, is literary editor, Brother Whitney, '98, managing editor, and one of our pledged men, Edmund Enright, '99, is athletic editor. One of

the annual events here is the preliminary oratorical contest, which is the stepping-stone to the "home," the "state" and the "interstate" contests. This preliminary was held last week, and among those now eligible to compete at the home contest three are from Alpha Zeta, Brothers Hinckley, Moore and McCushey.

It is perhaps late to speak of our foot-ball team, but we are proud of its record, and all the more so because the captain and three other players on the "regulars" were Sigs. On the track team we have Brother Whitney, '98, as manager and Brother Riggs, 98, as captain, besides several others who are working in this line of athletics. Heretofore track athletics at Beloit have been rather second-rate, but this year, with our new track and better arrangements, we hope to develop quite a team. It is too early in the season to say much about the baseball team. However, work has been begun, and, judging from appearances, we ought to have a successful year. Brothers Kinsley and Meadows, of last year's team, are trying for places and will doubtless represent us.

Socially, that is, in the line of parties and such, very little has been going on in college. Beyond a few informal dances and a "stag" or two we have done nothing, but several schemes are on foot for good times to come.

In comparison with the chapters of Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi, we can readily say that we are more than holding our own. In numbers the three chapters are about equal, our roll having eighteen names. We have not tried to push our men into positions, but we find that our policy of "sawing wood" brings its own reward.

We hope that several of our number will be present at the initiation and installation of the Omicron Omicron chapter. Those who are present can speak for themselves; those who are not send their best wishes and we all unite in a "Long live Sigma Chi!"

Beloit, Wis., January 29, 1897.

THEODORE F. RIGGS.

ALPHA IOTA-ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Two new members have been added to the chapter roll of Alpha Iota since the issue of the last QUARTERLY. We take the greatest pleasure in introducing Brothers William Thornhill and Robin Lillard. These men are in every way desirable fraternity men and we think we are to be congratulated in securing them for Sigma Chi. The former is one of the most active athletes in the college. He held the position of captain of the base-ball team during last year's schedule, which was one of the most successful seasons the Wesleyan team has ever had. He is a

fine tennis player and was largely instrumental in making intercollegiate athletic sports a success in the last meeting. He is a prominent member of society, a genial all-around good fellow and a man that we are proud of. Brother Lillard is of the stuff that orators are made of. Alpha Iota expects many laurels to be won by him and will not be disappointed. He is a foot-ball player and is famous throughout the school as a splendid tackle. He is already deeply interested in fraternity work and was the instigator of some much-needed improvements which have recently taken place in our rooms.

Since the writing of the last letter the bright prospects of Alpha Iota have been largely realized. We are now situated in the Eddy Building, one of the finest business and office buildings in the city. We have recently had our rooms finely frescoed and cleaned and it is the surprise of all to see how nicely we are fixed. In the evenings we sit around the radiator and discuss questions appertaining to our school work or spin yarns, or gather about the piano and sing songs, or talk over our prospects in regard to our "rushes," or simply lounge around and enjoy and absorb the comfort and good-fellowship we find at the hall, with the smoke curling up into our faces.

At school our men are keeping up the standard of last year. Sigma Chi and the white cross is in the lead. In the oratorical association the president, secretary, treasurer and one vice-president are Sigs. In the athletic association the president, vice-president and treasurer are Sigs. The managers of base-ball, foot-ball and tennis are also Sigs. We have two men on the editorial staff of the college paper and two men on the lecture course board. With a membership of ten, we think Alpha Iota does pretty well.

This term we miss Brother Leon Rhea. Brother Rhea was appointed executive clerk to the secretary of state by Gov. Tanner. While he has not been in school this year, he lives in the city and has taken a very active interest in our affairs and we feel his loss, although we congratulate him on his good fortune.

On Monday, January 4th, Brother Means entertained the chapter with a "stag" dinner at his home. It was in honor of Brother Carl Nye, of Kappa Kappa, '97, who was visiting him at the time. To say that we had a good time is putting it mild. As Brother Orr used to say, "It was one of the most delectable occasions we ever figured at."

We have had visits from Brothers Means, Nye and Marshutz, of Kappa Kappa; Whiffin, of Alpha Psi, and Young and Whitmore, our own alumni. All visitors will find a real Sig welcome at our rooms.

An oversight in the last letter omitted an account of a banquet given

by Alpha Iota to Rev. Martin D. Hardin, son-in-law of Vice-President Stevenson. It was given at the Windsor and was a howling success.

In the social world at large Alpha Iota is prominent "in it." A "swell" club in town supposed to be composed of members from all the fraternities and of "barbs," with its membership limited to ten couples, number on its roll five of our boys and one who will be one of us sometime perhaps.

There is some current talk that Greek letter fraternities will be thrown out of the Wesleyan in the spring. The sentiment of the faculty and of the board of trustees seems to be that way. Notwithstanding this a new local sorority has made its appearance and is pushing its aspirations toward nationality. It is called the Beta Chi.

Trusting always for the success of the banner of blue and gold.

Bloomington, Ill., January 26, 1897.

J. B. COLWELL.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Many and important changes have taken place in the personnel of Alpha Lambda since the close of the last scholastic year. Besides losing four of our strongest men on account of graduation an almost unheard of event occurred which leaves us this year without a representative of the sophomore class. It was a source of no small amount of lamentation to hear that our freshmen to a man were unable to re-This left us with but nine active members to open the campaign and at the same time stimulated the individual members to extra activity during the rushing season. Realizing that nothing short of good hard work could place us again on our accustomed sound footing, ourefforts were untiring, and as a result we spiked, pledged and initiated seven of as good and loyal men as can be found anywhere. With each new addition our spirits rose accordingly and the Sig yell with them. On the night of October 24th the following named made the intimate acquaintance of many new and surprising emotions: Lea A. Parkinson, 'oo, Madison, Wis.; Edward A. Cook, 'oo, Madison, Wis.; Alexander V. McDonald, 'oo, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Frank W. Jones, Milwaukee, Wis., and John B. Kalvelage, 'oo, Milwaukee, Wis. On November 6th Daniel H. Murphy, '00, Milwaukee, Wis., and December 19th Clarence D. Tearse, '00, Winona, Minn., traveled the thorny path to happiness. With each new initiate Alpha Lambda felt herself grow sensibly stronger, knowing that each man would do no small part to keep Sigma Chi in her enviable position. They are the right kind of material and we are proud of our class of 1900. chapter now numbers sixteen active members, eight of whom live in the

house. This number will undoubtedly be increased to ten in the near future.

A short time after the opening of college our first formal dancing party was given, followed by two informals and a dinner at the lodge during the election recess.

The Milwaukee Sigs held an informal dinner at the Pfister during the Christmas intermission. During the foot-ball season we had the pleasure of entertaining brothers from Beloit and Minneapolis. as they were are intensely welcome and interesting and should be encouraged for the real good to be obtained from them. Many of Alpha Lambda's alumni have favored us with short calls at different times, among them being Brothers Tibbits, '94; Rindlaub, '96; Leitsch, '96; Woodard, '96; Schempf, '96; Spensely, Durand and Dexter. We were favored on different occasions by the presence of Brothers Alling, editor of the Bulletin, and Arms, grand practor, fifth province. Besides holding her own in a social way Alpha Lambda can well be proud of her representation in other fields. Of course "Shelly" won honors on the gridiron this year as in the past, and though he vows each year to be his last, he is undoubtedly afraid of bringing down upon his head the wrath of his pater familias should he desist. Stewart Sheldon is on the "Junior Prom." committee, which intends to make this year's event exceed all previous ones. Kalvelage will undoubtedly manage the mandolin club and Tearse the crew. Brothers Luedke and Wollaeger hold responsible positions in Phi Delta Phi law fraternity, the latter also having the honor to preside as president of the Columbian Law Society.

We join hands with sister chapters in congratulating ourselves on this year's success and the brilliant prospects for the future.

Madison, Wis., January 29, 1897.

G. C. Buck, '97.

ALPHA PI-ALBION COLLEGE.

Since our last letter the figures on the dial-plate of years have changed from '96 to '97, marking but the turning of a page in the brilliant record-book of Sigma Chi, and at the very top of this new page we have begun to read of new triumphs. Alpha Pi through this changing of years has been given another chance for resolutions. We determined on New Year's Day to work harder for the grand old fraternity.

Outside the routine work of the college there have been the usual social functions, lectures, concerts, etc., and in accordance with custom Alpha Pi has successfully endeavored to make a better showing than anyone else. The chapter has for many years observed Thanksgiving

by tendering to its lady friends and alumni old-fashioned New England dinners, which are regarded by all as the most enjoyable of Albion's social events. So Thanksgiving Eve we celebrated in true colonial style. The lodge was decorated with white carnations, evergreens, cider barrels, pumpkins, apples, etc. The dinner over, the following toasts were proposed by Toastmaster Pearce, '97: "Wandering Thoughts," Russell H. Brady, '00; "A Sig—Yesterday, To-day and Forever," Ernest Burnham, '96; "The Ladies," Fred A. Perine, '98; "Emblems—National and Fraternal," Frank Roudenbush, '98. Last week occurred the Sig sleigh-ride. We drove to Homer, eight miles out, for supper, and had a jolly time.

The athletic side of college life is rather dull here just at present, basket-ball receiving the greatest amount of attention. At the recent athletic election Brother Niles was elected foot-ball manager; Brother Hamblen, foot-ball captain, and Brother Sam Shipp, captain of track athletics.

Alpha Pi is very glad to hear the favorable news that her Michigan sister, Theta Theta, is now occupying a house and has initiated a number of excellent men. The writer visited them last week and thinks the outlook encouraging.

The active chapter of Alpha Pi has been increased from six at the beginning of the year to thirteen at present. We wish now to introduce to the fraternity these worthy wearers of the white cross: Russell H. Bready, 'oo; Charles Bready, 'oo, and Julius Nufer, 'oo. During the coming week another candidate will meet our goat and will be announced in the next issue.

The desire of Alpha Pi is to ever move onward and upward with all Sig chapters—

"Under the blue banner, with its cross of white, Cheered and illumed by love's glorious light."

Albion, Mich., February 1, 1897.

FRANK ROUDENBUSH.

ALPHA SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Last June's commencement saw seven of Alpha Sigma's members recipients of the "U.'s" coveted "sheepskins," and the chapter began the present year with only five active men. Though small in number, we have been persevering, and success has crowned our efforts to the extent of two initiates besides four other desirable men upon whom we hope to place the white cross ere long. Let us here introduce to our sister chapters the two new and worthy brothers, Walter Benedict, '99, and George Brooks, 'oo. Both are fine fellows of the right kind and

full of Sig enthusiasm. We have also been strengthened this term by the return of Brothers Church and Squires, who have registered for special work, and we feel stronger than ever. With the hearty cooperation of the resident alumni members we have inaugurated a series of informal dancing parties at Hotel Windom, have had a jolly sleighing party and several rushing parties, with more to follow.

Our university has reached the twenty-five hundred mark, and everything bespeaks progress and prosperity. The new armory has been completed and its capacious hall has been the scene of several very pleasant social gatherings. A physical director has been secured and material is being purchased for equipping the building for regular gymnasium work. Something the institution has needed for many years.

The Sigs have come in as usual for their share of honors. Brother Finlayson has been unanimously elected foot-ball manager for the ensuing year and was one of Minnesota's three to win a place on the all-western team. Brother Squires is back from his three months' exploration trip to the Orinoco district, Venezuela, where he has been pursuing profitable studies in behalf of the botanical department. Brother Miller is one of the editors of the '97 Engineers' Annual, and Brother Benedict is a member of the sophomore cotillion committee.

With hearty greetings to all sister chapters, Alpha Sigma wishes them a joyous and successful New Year. C. HANFORD KENDALL.

Minneapolis, Minn., January 22, 1897.

P. S.—One deeply mourned event has just occurred to mar the otherwise bright beginning of the new year. It is the sudden and untimely death of Brother W. Hall Riddle, Alpha Xi, an instructor in mathematics. He was seriously injured in a street car accident January 9th. The electric car was run down by a Great Western passenger train at a crossing and Brother Riddle was thrown through a window, striking on his head, and sustained a concussion of the brain, from which he never recovered.

His sad death is a severe loss to Sigma Chi and we feel deeply with Alpha Xi the sorrow and bereavement. He was so young, so full of promise, and possessed that knowledge which makes success inevitable. He had just entered upon life's work full of energy and with the most flattering prospects.

C. H. K.

January 25th.

SIXTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA EPSILON-UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Alpha Epsilon has, during the past few months, continued her old career of prosperity, and as she enters the second semester her prospects are even brighter.

Our worthy faculty has not, as yet, been convinced that the final examination system is unnecessary as a true test of our knowledge and ability, and thus the past two weeks have been spent in sharpening wits and refreshing memory for the struggle which has just closed. By the above I do not wish it inferred that this review was in the nature of a "cram," because Alpha Epsilon is proud to say that she does her work as she goes and has no need of "cramming" to get her credit. All is now over, and Alpha Epsilon has been rewarded by success in every department.

The so-called hard times have been very noticeable in our Populistic State, and as a result University society has been exceptionally quiet among all organizations. On January 11, 1897, Alpha Epsilon celebrated her fourteenth anniversary by giving a banquet to members of the chapter. It proved a success in every way, and, as we have always found on similar occasions, did much to increase fraternity enthusiasm.

Since our last letter we have increased our number to fifteen by initiating two men well worthy to wear our White Cross. Thus it is with great pleasure, Sigs, that I introduce to you George S. Hellier, 'oo, of Nebraska City, Neb., and Roy Montgomery, of Edgar, Neb.

The foot-ball team closed a very successful season. Thanksgiving, in a game against Iowa, the score resulted in a tie, o-o. The athletic association are so well pleased with the management and coach that they have already begun negotiations with Coach Robinson for his future service.

Base-ball has now begun to command the attention it justly deserves, and with Brother Lawrence Packard, '97, as captain, we are confident of being the western college champions. Alpha Epsilon wishes to acknowledge calls from J. W. Vernon, Alpha Lambda, and W. H. Schredler, Alpha Alpha, and a chapter letter from Mu Mu, and trust we shall hear from others who are enjoying equal prosperity with ourselves.

George Burgert, Jr.

Lincoln, Neb., January 30, 1897.

ALPHA XI-UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

It was with hearts full of sadness that Alpha Xi saw the close of yesterday, for then it was that she buried one of her most worthy brothers.

Brother William Hall Riddle, Alpha Xi, '93, who was an associate in mathematics in University of Minnesota, while returning home was fatally hurt in a street railway accident, and, after living two weeks, died last Saturday night. Alpha Xi had charge of the funeral services, and last Tuesday all that was mortal of him who had, while so young, achieved so great a success, was consigned to the grave. "Peace be with you, brother, until we all meet again."

Old Alpha Xi has been receiving many visits from her alumni since her last letter. Brothers Goodrich and Price, '95; Brother Pettyjohn, ex-'96, have been with us. We also saw Brothers Vernon, Alpha Lambda, '84, and Packard, Alpha Epsilon, who came down with the foot-ball team. Some of us met Brothers Finlayson, Alpha Sigma, and Crowley, Xi Xi, at Kansas City, foot-ball week.

It is my great pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity Brothers Walter Asel Lapham, '00; Arthur Williams, '00, and Mathew Smith, '00; also our pledges Willhogt Cates, '00, of Chameto, and Harry Allen Drekrom, '00, Wichita.

The chapter enjoyed a pleasant reception, given by Brother Wagstaff, at his home, and we made things merry until the "wee sma' hours." We have also been entertained often at the handsome home of Brother Bowersock. This next month is fraternity party month, and we expect to shine, as usual, on the 26th.

At the recent elections Brother Asborn was elected manager of the Senior Annual, and Brother Nelson, manager of Latin Notes, the only weekly college Latin paper published. Brother Nelson was also elected president of the Latin Society.

Our foot-ball team made a proud record this fall, beating, as she did, Denver 8 to 4; Nebraska 18 to 4, and our old rivals, Missouri, (Thanksgiving) 30 to 0. And, although beaten the Saturday following by Minnesota, 12 to 0, the general opinion is, that, had the two games been reversed, we would have won both. Brother Smith represented us.

Brother Justin D. Bowersock, Alpha Xi, '91, Harvard, '96, entered the firm Dobson, Bowersock & McClure of Kansas City, Mo., one of the most noted law firms of the West. All of the chapter unite in wishing him the success which we know he deserves. Brother C. C. Stanley, Alpha Xi, '94, who has been bond clerk during the recent administration, has again entered school to study law, and will, no doubt, again affiliate with the active chapter.

The University has petitioned the Legislature for three new buildings, but it is not known yet what action will be taken, as there is Pefferism in Topeka. The outlook is not the most encouraging.

The chapter acknowledges its indebtedness to Alpha Pi for its kindness to our pledge, Mr. Richardson, who left school here to go to Albion for his health. We hope to be able to return their kindness.

With best wishes to sister chapters.

HARRY G. CLARK.

Lawrence, Kan., January 28, 1897.

SEVENTH PROVINCE.

ETA-UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

We are all back again, feeling refreshed from the merriment and festivities enjoyed during the Christmas holidays, and have entered upon our studies with renewed determination to make the term's work, which is rapidly drawing to a close, a complete success.

Just now we are placed in one of those peculiarly critical situations, which so regularly, and with such measured tread, present themselves in college life; we stand shuddering at the feet of our dreadful but evenhanded judge—the intermediate examinations.

Eta has one new member, whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity world—Ralph Knox of New Albany, Miss. We feel that we have some reason for congratulating ourselves upon this announcement, because he was heartily solicited by several of the other "frats," and for some time we were a little anxious about the result; but we beg to assure his brothers throughout the country that he is a wonderfully skillful rider. He rode Sir William at a constantly accelerating velocity, until he was flashing through the realms of a vividly-imagined eternity at a tremendous pace, but finally emerged in a most graceful manner, and with but comparatively few noticeable scars, into the light of the Grecian world.

Our foot-ball team has been a little unfortunate this year, having been defeated both by Tulane and the University of Louisiana, but our athletic spirit has by no means been subdued. We are doing excellent work in the gymnasium under the direction of our instructor of athletics, Mr. White, and our base-ball team is already beginning to organize and assume a promising shape.

We had the great pleasure of having with us at our last meeting Brother Myer of Memphis, Tenn., who was the organizer of our chapter immediately after the late war. We were all, of course, happy to meet him, and he entertained us royally for quite a while, relating old college and fraternity experiences.

We are always glad to see any of our alumni, and Eta's doors are also continually thrown open to any member from a sister chapter.

University, Miss., January 12, 1897.

MARION G. EVANS.

ALPHA NU-UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Our university's future looms up big with promise. Although our most sanguine expectations have not as yet been realized, still "Hope springs eternal," etc. Indeed, the gimlet of intelligence is gradually boring its way through the hitherto impenetrable barriers of ignorant prejudice. Our new president was indeed a lucky find.

Since our last letter Brother Slaughter has left us. He is now stationed in Chicago. The vacancy caused by his loss is filled by a recent acquisition, S. T. Lowry, 'oo, San Antonio, Tex. He is already thoroughly zealous in the cause of Sigma Chi. We commend him to the Fraternity as a worthy addition.

We may not be "the greatest show on earth," or of the "facile princeps" denomination, nevertheless we manage to be in the neighborhood at the harvesting of honors. While we strictly abstain from political machinations, we are not entirely overlooked, as the following tale will tell: Brother Lowry is president of the San Antonio Club; Brother Lawther is class historian and manager of the freshman base-ball club; Brother Law is class historian and editor-in-chief of the Magazine; Brother Hume is on the staff of the Magazine, editor of Alcalde, manager of the dramatic club, director of the minstrels and manager of the football team of '97.

A movement has been set on foot to hold a convention during commencement next of all Sigs in Texas. The prospects for success are encouraging.

Saturday next we are to give a public reception and german to our friends. Representatives from all the other fraternities here have been invited. The boys are all at work putting things in order for the occasion. We wish all the Sigs could be present.

Our new president was formally inaugurated yesterday.

Austin, Tex., February 11, 1897.

M. P. GRAHAM.

ALPHA OMICRON-TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter there has been no little activity about college; several things of considerable moment have occurred. The foot-ball season has opened and closed; the following are the results: Tulane-Louisiana University, forfeited by Tulane; Tulane 48, Vicksburg Athletic Club o; Tulane 4, University of Texas 12; Tulane 10, University of Mississipi o. In the first game of the season the Tulane captain, in spite of the protests of the coach and the manager, allowed a man, who was not a matriculated student of the University, to play on the team. This resulted in Tulane's suspension from the Southern Intercollegiate

Athletic Association. There were several complicating and several extenuating circumstances, which I have not space to enlarge upon, but in view of the fact that the sentiment of the college was so strong against the captain as to compel his resignation, and inasmuch as Tulane did all that could be done in retribution for the offense, we are of the opinion that the authorities of the association might, with propriety, have been more lenient in their punishment.

We are glad to have had an opportunity to see Brother Dick Slaughter, Alpha Nu, praetor of this province, and Brother H. C. Fisher, Eta, when they were here with the teams from their respective colleges. The games which were arranged with the University of Alabama and Sewanee were declared off by those colleges. Tulane was very reluctant about giving up the latter, as we owe Sewanee a defeat which we would undoubtedly have administered this year had they not backed down.

The beginning of this session was marked by the establishment of another weekly paper, called Olive and Blue, the avowed object of which was to render financial assistance to the Athletic Association. It did not accomplish much in that line, however, but it grew to be a rival of the College Spirit. The two weeklies, after a sharp contest, consolidated to form a daily, under the name of the elder. The College Spirit is now, perhaps, the only daily paper published by a Southern college. Brother J. B. Murphy, as former editor of Olive and Blue, is now on the staff of the new paper. I might also say that Brother Murphy is the successful president of the Tulane German Club.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon established a chapter here last week, consisting of six men in the academic, and six in the medical department; there were already eight Sigma Alpha Epsilons in the medical, making a total of twenty-three—the largest chapter in college, I believe. We welcome them to a very much over-crowded field, wishing them success.

As to the condition of our own chapter: at the immediate present we are carrying several handicaps, which we hope to shake off in the near future. In having the co-operation of our younger alumni, as also in the matter of spiking, we have been singularly fortunate of late.

In conclusion I would say that from theoretical considerations, and on account of practical experience, this chapter is violently and unalterably opposed to the proposed amendments to the constitution intended to facilitate the obtaining of charters. We believe that the matter deserves a very full discussion in the Quarterly and Bulletin, as well as among the individual chapters, because it is certainly of extreme importance, and will cause a sharp contest in the convention.

New Orleans, La., January 27, 1897. F. Adair Monroe, Jr.

ALPHA PSI-VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

At Vanderbilt we are just recovering from intermediate examinations. By ostracising themselves from society, by living hermit lives, and by resisting all temptations to "cut," those who fell short will fortify themselves against the tempest of June. Since our last letter Alphi Psi has received new lustre by an honor bestowed upon Brother Theodore Brewer. He has been chosen one of Vanderbilt's representatives in the intercollegiate debate, which is held every spring between our University and the University of the South.

The fraternities have appointed the editors for the '97 Comet, our annual; Brother F. D. McIntyre has been elected editor-in-chief. This is the second year in succession that this honor has fallen to Sigma Chi, Brother Brewer holding the position on last year's staff. Brother McIntyre has also been elected president of the Graduate Club.

During the holidays our glee club made a very successful trip through the blue-grass region of Kentucky. There were three Sigs on the club, and we had the pleasure of meeting many Sigs, all of whom were found to be of the proper stuff. At Lexington we found seven of the Lambda Lambda boys, and spent a very pleasant day with them. One of our freshmen has made the club as violinist. Our annual Nashville concert will be given on the 26th of February, and as it is one of the society events of the year it is looked forward to with much pleasure.

Brother Couter has completed his work and will receive his degree this week. On next Monday he leaves for his home, in Washington, D. C. We shall miss him greatly, for he has been a strong support and a true Sig.

Griffin M. Lovelage.

Nashville, Tenn., February 8, 1897.

EIGHTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA BETA-UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Another, and the last term for some of us, has begun. At the end of this college year Brothers John Ralston Hamilton and Henry Roeding will leave us.

The New Year, of course, started us out with good resolutions, and we had a very enthusiastic meeting at the beginning of this term. We then discussed general Fraternity matters, and Alpha Beta hopes that it will not appear in the list of those delinquent in their reports.

After the meeting we had an informal supper, the promise of which probably sharpened the interest and attention in the meeting.

There is to be an exciting game of base-ball between our glee club

and the foot-ball team on the last Saturday in January. The glee club has just returned from a most delightful trip in southern California, where they gave a series of concerts. Brother "Jack" Hamilton went with them and tells of some very interesting incidents. About thirty fellows, including string clubs, made the trip.

Alpha Beta sends best wishes and hopes that success has attended the efforts of her sister chapters.

HUDSON SMYTHE.

Berkeley, Cal., January 20, 1897.

ALPHA UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

With careful guiding hands we have led two more of those adjudged worthy through the paths and by-ways of Pluto's realm and now rejoice in presenting these two reclaimed from Barbary to Sigma Chi. They are Hiram B. Tibbits, 'oo, and Austin O. Martin, 'oo. Both are well qualified to wear the glorious White Cross. The former was pitcher on last year's base-ball team and will fill the same position this year. The latter played end rush on the foot-ball team and has been on the track team for two seasons. Both gentlemen are prominent in college affairs and we are sure that by their deeds the blue and gold will gain more splendor.

During this period of mid-year examinations we have been rather quiet socially, but expect to make up for this present quietness in the near future. The chapter aided Brother Tibbits in celebrating his birthday on the evening of January 21st. At that time we enjoyed an elegant dinner which our host, mindful of the Sig's place of weakness and of strength, had had prepared. During the recent visit of the Katie Emmet Company in the city we "ate" with Brother H. M. Heisel, Kappa Kappa, ex-'96. Brother Heisel's other name is Rae (we do not mean to insinuate by this that he is a fugitive from justice. No, he is only a bright ray shining in the theatrical world. We hope that soon he may become a star. Now, all this attempt at punning must be charged to our friend from Kappa Kappa.) He is a royal good fellow and related many amusing tales of life at Champaign. We are always delighted to hear from visiting Sigs.

Brother McCartney, Alpha Upsilon, ex-'98, has returned to the city from his New Mexico ranch, but has not as yet re-entered college. Brother Hartley Shaw, Alpha Upsilon, '94, was down from Hastings Law School during the holidays. Brother T. C. Myers is gaining quite a reputation in the medical college as a student and is already considered a promising candidate for honors.

The chapter is having the Fraternity songs which it sings published.

They make a fine appearing little volume of thirty-two pages with a handsome cover.

The near approach of the annual intercollegiate field day on February 22d is arousing much interest in track work. Brother Thomson is managing our team and Brother A. O. Martin will represent University of Southern California in the high jump and pole vault.

And now, wishing all success to Sigma Chi in every field and pledging anew our unceasing, ever-increasing love for the dear old Fraternity which makes college life the pleasure that it is, we close this epistle.

Los Angeles, Cal., January 26, 1897.

FOSTER C. WRIGHT.

NINTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA ALPHA-HOBART COLLEGE.

College reopened Thursday, January 14th, after the usual Christmas recess. The Sigs returned on time. The college terms have been lengthened into half years, and the first term examinations begin February 1st. After examinations the usual winter festivities will begin.

When our last chapter letter was written we were in the midst of the foot-ball season and had won nine games. We continued this brilliant record throughout the season, winning every game except three tie games. Brother Blackford was manager of the team and Brother Young assistant manager, while Brother Case played left half back.

Our glee and instrumental clubs are not yet permanently organized, but when they are Sigma Chi will be well represented. The senior banquet occurs in February. Brother Blackford has been elected toast-master.

On Saturday evening, the 23d, the Cornell glee, banjo and mandolin clubs gave an excellent concert at the opera house in Geneva. There were three Sigs on the clubs and Alpha Alpha attended in a body. On the same day we enjoyed a visit from Brother Chatfield, Alpha Phi, and Brother Frank, Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Phi. They spent Sunday with us. We have also received visits from Brothers Bartlett, Omega and Alpha Phi, and Flannery, Delta Delta and Alpha Phi. Brother Flannery, we are glad to add, has affiliated with us and has strengthened us greatly. Brother Van Kleck and the writer spent a few days with the Cornell Sigs at the opening of the term and were treated in the most royal manner. Alpha Phi is a great crowd. The Ithaca hills are long and steep, but the Sigs are good helpers.

Alpha Alpha acknowledges the splendid letter of Mu Mu and congratulates her on her success.

ARTHUR W. MOULTON.

Geneva, N. Y., January 29, 1897.

ETA ETA-DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Eta Eta greets her sister chapters once more and wishes all a prosperous year. Since writing the last chapter letter many events of great interest to the chapter and the college have happened. ning season began in the last of November, and in consequence of so much good material, all the chapters here took in large delegations. Brother Edwards, '99, was taken into the fold Wednesday evening, December 16th. He was a member of this year's championship football eleven and is in every way qualified to wear the White Cross. Friday evening, December 18th, we held our regular initiation and banquet. Brother Buell was toastmaster, and the upper class men declare that it was the most successful banquet the chapter has ever held. The initiation was both unique and impressive and Sigma Chi enjoyed the distinction of having the only real live goat in town. As the result of his noble work we wish to introduce in the Sigma Chi world the following brothers from 'oo: Eson M. Barker, Plymouth, N. H.; Charles E. Cake, Decatur, Ill.; Frank W. Chapman, Franklin Falls, N. H.; Augustus A. Hadley, Marion, Mass.; James B. Hutchinson, Chicago, Ill.; Rutherford T. L. Lewis, Everett, Mass.; Henry Lunt, New York, N. Y.; Harold W. Orcutt, Wollaston, Mass.; Benjamin F. Prescott, Epping, N. H.; Fred C. Smith, Randolph, Vt.; A. L. Newton, Randolph, Vt.; Nathaniel C. Thayer, Chicago, Ill., and Edward S. Yeaton, Rochester, N. H. Our chapter at present numbers thirty-four, which is a little below the average here.

The success of our foot-ball team need hardly be mentioned, so prominent a place did it take among the greater college teams of the country. We won the New England intercollegiate championship by defeating Amherst and Williams. Brothers Pillsbury and Edwards were very much in evidence in both of these games. The team finished up the season by defeating the Newton Athletic Club eleven in an easy game on Thanksgiving Day. Brother Bolser, captain of the track team, has called out his men and active training began this week. Many of the Sig brothers will be found in harness again. Brother Buell, '98, who recently jumped into prominence in athletics, has been elected assistant manager of the base-ball team. His election by the class was unanimous and is a good proof of his popularity and ability.

The social swim is something entirely unknown to Hanover, although Brothers Kimball and Huckins occasionally venture into Lebanon society.

Brother Woodworth, '97, has left Dartmouth and gone to Oberlin, but he will rejoin us in the spring and graduate with his class. Brother

Cake, '00, who went west with him, will not return until next fall. Adams, '94, and Holden, '95, are in the engineering department of the Boston and Albany Railroad. Thurston, '94, is with the Metropolitan Water Board Commission in Boston. Trow, '94, and Lewis, '95, are with the same corporation doing field work at Northboro, Mass. Taylor, '94, is instructor in physics and chemistry in the Melrose high school at Melrose, Mass. O'Leary, '95, is private tutor in St. Mark's school at Southboro, Mass. Foster, '95, and Foster, '96, are in the Harvard Law School. Leahy, '98, has entered the Dartmouth Medical School. Ames, '94, is a contractor and civil engineer at Rochester, N. H.

With the best wishes for all our sister chapters. B. C. TAYLOR. Hanover, N. H., January 19, 1897.

NU NU-COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

It is with considerable pleasure that I take up my pen to-day to send greeting to our brothers in Sigma Chi. At the time when Nu Nu sent her last letter to the QUARTERLY she was struggling with the question of ways and means of obtaining quarters, the possibility of securing some very desirable men for members, and of carrying such expenses as she must, even without a chapter-house, of necessity meet. Now she is enconsed in comfortable rooms of her own, within easy walking distance of the college buildings; has no fear of being unable to meet all expenses, and prides herself on having secured, within the last three months, eleven of the most desirable men in college. brothers (those initiated since our last letter to the QUARTERLY) are: Edward J. Farley, '98, Law; H. A. Brown, '00, Science, and Frederic Theodore Walser, '00, College of Physicians and Surgeons. Brother Frank Cochran, Alpha Phi, '96, has also consented to become one of our number. He is taking a course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and while his work does not allow us to see him as often as we should like, we are more than glad to count him as one of us. Brother Farley has shown himself a most enthusiastic Sig, and has composed several chapter songs, thus lending much enjoyment to our gatherings. Brothers Brown and Walser, although so recently initiated. have already proved themselves valuable acquisitions.

Since entering our new quarters, on the first of last November, we have held regular meetings on Friday evenings. After meetings we have generally had some sort of social gathering, which, with the gift of a piano from Brother Conklin, Alpha Phi, '95, was rendered very enjoyable. Nor have the families of our various brothers been lacking in hospitality. Madame Le Prince entertained the members of the chapter at her

home on Saturday evening, January 6th, and it is needless to say that the occasion placed the finishing touch on Brother Le Prince's popularity. Several other entertainments will probably be given during the year. Another eventful occasion was the Sigma Chi banquet, at the Arena on the 24th of November. A great many Sigs were present, and all enjoyed themselves most heartily.

Next year will see the removal of the University to her new site, and with it will come practically the beginning of Nu Nu's career. The question of obtaining a chapter-house of our own is now being considered. It has been ascertained that members of the chapter will contribute at least one, and in all probability, two thousand dollars toward the project. Brother Conklin, Alpha Phi, '95, has kindly consented to take charge of the committee entrusted with the investigations concerning real estate, etc., and it seems probable that in the course of two years or less Nu Nu will possess a house of her own. Her temporary quarters next year will, if possible, be a suite of rooms in the dormitories at the new site—a plan which is being fostered by most of the other fraternities—and from present indications we expect a very prosperous year.

With hopes that their prospects are not less bright than hers, Nu Nu sends greeting to all brother chapters.

New York City, January 27, 1897.

JOHN DUER IRVING.

ALPHA THETA-MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The present time finds Alpha Theta mourning the loss of the much honored president of her alma mater—Gen. Francis A. Walker. We loved him as a man of wonderful personal magnetism, and admired him as an educator of exceptional ability. We can but grieve over his death as we know that he, of all others, was the cause of the high standing of the Institute.

During the past three months we have been working hard, as usual, but have found time to make it interesting for our "neophyte"—William Barlow Dwight. He hails from Evanston, Ill., and we feel that we have secured a treasure, and know that he will prove a worthy Sig. Should any of the brothers meet him, which we sincerely hope will happen, we are sure that all will thoroughly acquiesce in our opinion of him.

The active membership of Alpha Theta was ably represented at the New York Alumni banquet, by Brothers Hayden and Werner, who reported a most festive occasion, and have since been entertaining the rest of us with tales of the gay metropolis. We had a short visit last Thursday from Brother King of Alpha Epsilon. If he enjoyed his visit as much as we did he certainly had an elegant time. Right now be informed that brothers from other chapters will receive a right royal welcome if they will come and see us when they are in Boston. We have had numerous visits from our alumni during the fall, prominent among whom might be distinguished Brothers Highlands, Pierce, Curtin, Lockwood and Boss.

Technology has for the past few years been without a base-ball team, but we have been trying to arouse some enthusiasm in this branch of athletics by organizing a nine from the men in our chapter to play against nines of the other fraternities. Last year we played (and won) two games, and this year we hope to complete a full schedule.

Brother Zimmerman enjoys the honor of being a member of the '98 "Technique" board, which same is no mean honor. Brothers Hunt, Pechin, Paine, Tyler and Woodyatt are members of the senior class, and we feel sure that with such a worthy representation Sigma Chi will receive a regular avalanche of honors. However, it will be with extreme regret that we shall be compelled to undergo the separation from those whom we have found so noble and true.

We are looking forward to the annual banquet, which is held every March and which is always an occasion of reunion of the active and graduate members of our chapter.

Alpha Theta sends greeting to each and every one of her sister chapters, and wishes them all the highest success.

Dickson T. Brown.

Boston, Mass., January 30, 1897.

ALPHA PHI-CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

All Cornellians are looking forward to "junior week." We are especially interested, as Brother McLaughlin is president of the junior class, and so will be largely responsible for the success of the "junior ball," the event of the week.

In athletics, our foot-ball team made a brilliant ending of an unsuccessful season by playing Pennsylvania Thanksgiving Day. Brother McLaughlin, assistant manager last year, has been elected manager for next season. At the call for candidates for the freshman crew, ninety-eight men turned out. The material is better than last year, and we are confident in them as winners. One hundred and twelve men came out to try for the 'Varsity, and as all of the last year's crews were there, we hope for another record-breaking crew. At all events, our opponents will again have the questionable pleasure of following the red and white of Cornell over the line. Courtney has been engaged as coach for them

for the next three years, and we are more anxious than ever to try conclusions with Yale. As yet nothing definite can be said concerning our track and base-ball teams for next spring. The men are out now practicing in the "gym" for them, and Alpha Phi hopes to have representatives on crew, track and nine.

Our chapter rather "spread" itself during the Christmas holidays, and now feels better acquainted with the general Fraternity. Brother Flannery visited at Purdue; Brother Frank at Northwestern and University of Nebraska; Brother Caldwell at University of Cincinnati; Brother Talbot at Columbian University; Brothers McLaughlin, Steele and Herbert at Columbia, and Brothers Chatfield and Bartlett at Hobart. They all report those chapters as flourishing, and the men as good, hearty Sigs, anxious to do their visiting brothers every honor. On our part. we entertained Brothers Van Kleck, Fowler, Case and Hannis from Hobart; Brother Sheridan from Boston Tech.; Brothers Conklin and Franchot from Cornell, at the time of the Harvard game. McGargee of Pennsylvania, who was coaching the Bucknell team, was with them, and spent some time with us. If he is a fair sample of the members of Phi Phi, we want to entertain the whole chapter. Brothers Van Kleck and Moulton of Alpha Alpha came over and spent part of their vacation with us, and we can vouch for their "Sigability."

As to chapter matters, we have pledged one man this term, and have affiliated Brother H. Worthington Talbot of Epsilon. So we are still gaining, and hope to keep up our record here. Like true Cornellians, we are climbing up the hill toward a chapter-house, and hope, by industry and "push," to be in time for our eight o'clock, and have ground broken and the house started by September 1st, so as to be able to entertain our brothers and their ladies in our own house at the next "Junior."

With all other loyal Sigs, we desire to congratulate ourselves on the magnificent showing as made in the *resume* of the general Fraternity, contained in the last QUARTERLY.

Ithaca, N.Y., Jaunary 26, 1897.

CHARLES HENRY BARTLETT.

BADGE LOST.

Somewhere between Manchester, N. H., and Lowell, Mass., January 6th, a medium Sigma Chi badge, set with pearls and emeralds, bearing name William A. Kimball, Eta Eta, '98. Any information regarding same will be gratefully received by the above at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.

MY TWO LOVES.

In all things there's naught—save love
Of one maiden—comes above
Sigma Chi.
Pardon, dear Fraternity!
In my heart unceasingly
Joy of her and pride of thee
Must together vie.

Though 'tis true I love her most,
Yet I'll gladly make the toast
"Sigma Chi!"
With the maid whose heart is mine
Loyally I'll quaff the wine
To the White Cross, love's fair sign,
Which we glorify.

Her sweet love and thy dear praise—Grant me these, life's darkest days
I'll defy.
Striving still to honor both,
Faithful to my double oath,
Ever shall I sing the growth
Of love—and Sigma Chi!

FOSTER C. WRIGHT, ALPHA UPSILON.

Personalia.

H. C. Page, Tau, '96, is in business in New York City.

William F. Baker, Gamma, is studying law in Findlay, O.

Will Poehler, Alpha Sigma, '96, is practicing law in Minneapolis.

Nathiel W. Salladé, Esq., is practicing law at Fond du Lac, Wis.

C. E. Catchings, Eta, '92, was elected alderman of Jackson, Miss.

Guy A. McNeill, Alpha Eta, '86, is county engineer at Boulder, Mont.

J. L. Mauzy, Sigma Sigma, '96, is attending Union Theological Seminary.

Spurgeon Cheek, Zeta Zeta, '93, is attending the Louisville Medical College.

J. M. Hervey, Alpha Pi, is in the law department, University of Michigan.

Lewis C. Humphrey, Zeta Zeta, '96, is doing newspaper work in Louisville, Ky.

Frank Poehler, Alpha Sigma, '96, has a thriving medical practice at Waseca, Minn.

- H. Worthington Talbot, Epsilon, '96, is studying electrical engineering at Cornell.
- R. Minor Wesley, Tau, '86, is head physician at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va.

Hartley Shaw, Alpha Beta, '94, is studying law at the Hastings Law School, San Francisco.

G. MacLaren Brydon, Tau, '96, is pursuing his studies at the Virginia Theological Seminary.

Grand Praetor W. Asbury Christian, of the second province, is now located at Lynchburg, Va.

Francis G. Higgins, Theta Theta, '86, of Missoula, has been appointed commissary general on the staff of Gov. R. B. Smith, of Montana. Charles M. Crutchfield, Zeta, '86, is an aide to the governor.

- Wm. H. Montgomery, Eta, '77, has recently been elected aldermanat-large of Starkville, Miss.
- Harry D. Latimer, Alpha Lambda, '88, is established in business for the present at Madison, Wis.
- Hon. H. M. McClure, Kappa, '82, has been elected to the board of trustees of Bucknell University.
- Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., Theta, '69, has been elected president of the Franklin and Marshal alumni.
- Henry B. Graham, Alpha Theta, ex-'99, is attending the Case Scientific School at Cleveland, O.
- W. M. Snell, Alpha Phi, '87, of Sault Ste. Marie, has been elected county clerk of Chippewa county, Michigan.
- Thomas B. White, Theta Theta, '86, has been elected judge of the probate court of Escanaba county, Michigan.
- E. Heister Guie, Kappa, '89, has been elected to the state legislature of Washington, representing the Seattle district.
- W. C. Baskin, Pi, '62, Sigma, '62, has been re-elected mayor of Tupelo, Miss., receiving a majority over three opponents.
- T. B. Soutall, Sigma Sigma, '94, has returned to Union Theological Seminary after spending one year at McCormick.

Rhodes Greene Lockwood, Alpha Theta, '96, of Boston, Mass., is with the Davidson Rubber Company, Somerville, Mass.

D. Maujer McLaughlin, Alpha Phi, active, has been elected manager of the Cornell foot-ball eleven for the ensuing year.

Myron Hunt, Omega, '92, and Robert C. Spenser, Alpha Lambda, '86, architects, office together in Steinway Hall, Chicago.

George Church, Alpha Sigma, ex-'96, is in the employ of the U. S. Survey. He is with a party located at Big Stone Lake, Minn.

- F. H. Lewis, Delta Chi, is editor of the Valley Gazette, Glasgow, Mont. He represents Valley county in the state legislature.
- Harry D. Rawson, Alpha Theta, '96, is connected with the firm of J. L. Silsbee, architects, 1532 Marquette Building, Chicago, Ill.

Daniel Wilson, grand practor of the third province, has formed a partnership with his father, ex-Judge Moses F. Wilson, for the practice of law. Offices in the Carlisle Building, Cincinnati, O.

Robert Hazlett, Alpha Gamma, '87, of Wheeling, W. Va., has been an animously chosen as surveyor of Ohio county, in which his home city is situated.

Olin B. Lewis, Alpha Lambda, '84, was elected district judge in St. Paul, Minn., last fall and was given a complimentary dinner by Alpha Sigma chapter.

At a recent meeting of the grand lodge of Royal Arch Masons, Dr. John M. McConihay, Mu, '75, of Charleston, W. Va., was chosen grand principal sojourner.

E. Dick Slaughter, Alpha Nu, '96, is in Chicago obtaining a business education preparatory to becoming associated with his father, who has large cattle interests in Texas.

Charles Denison, Alpha Sigma, '96, has a lucrative position in the freight office of the Soo Line. His engagement with Miss Margaret Turner has been recently announced.

Harry B. Alverson, Alpha Lambda, '93, is at Niagara Falls in charge of the new electrical transmission line to Buffalo. His address is care White-Crosby Company, North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Dr. W. L. McEwan, D. D., Zeta Zeta, '82, is prominently mentioned for the presidency of Centre College. He is now pastor of one of the largest Presbyterian churches in Pittsburg, Pa.

William H. McShurley, Esq., Beta, '86, has established a partnership with Mr. Clarence A. Burley under the firm name of Burley & Mc-Shurley, with offices in the Hartford Building, Chicago.

Walter M. Denny, Tau, '75, congressman from Mississippi, was defeated for the democratic nomination for re-election, on account of his sound-money views, which he would not yield for a seat in congress.

William Poyntelle Kemper, Alpha Lambda, '92, who was instrumental in founding our Hobart chapter, is at the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New York City, No. 1 Chelsea Square.

"Songs for December and June," by Walter Malone, Eta, '87. (Philadelphia: Printed by J. B. Lippincott Co.) Mr. Malone has the gift of melody. His verse pours forth sweet-sounding combinations. Moreover, there is a fine poetic feeling in most of his pieces, and, best of all, his human sympathy is hearty and deep. If his poetry is not great, if its art is limited, still there is something in what he has to sing.

—New York Independent.

William W. Irwin, Zeta Zeta, '81, in the recent election for sheriff of Ohio county, West Virginia, ran 1,300 votes ahead of his ticket, but was defeated by a small majority. He is one of the most popular men in that section.

Burr McIntosh, Phi, '84, has an illustrated lecture entitled "Yale at Henley." Last December he delivered it at Carnegie Lyceum before the students of Columbia University. The proceeds were devoted to the Columbia crew.

Homer Sylvester, Alpha Lambda, '92, after completing a course in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and spending a year as resident physician of a Philadelphia hospital, has located in Milwaukee, Wis., at No. 1618 Chestnut street.

- Hon. H. Clay Getzendanner, Zeta, '80, who was unanimously nominated for state senator in West Virginia in a district supposed to be hopelessly democratic has been declared elected after a contest in the legislature. He ran far ahead of his ticket.
- M. H. Gary, Jr., Alpha Sigma and Alpha Phi, visited Chicago recently on business. He superintended the construction of the electrical equipment of the Metropolitan Elevated Railway, Chicago, and now has charge of similar work at the Falls of St. Anthony, Minn.
- Andrew H. Longino, Beta Beta, '75, was the leading free-silver candidate for the democratic nomination for congress against T. C. Catchings, the present incumbent and sound-money advocate. He had the race won, when General Catchings published a letter declaring his submission to instructions from the nominating convention, he (Catchings) then won the nomination by seating all contesting Catchings delegations. Nearly half of the convention bolted and offered to nominate Mr. Longino, but he declined.
- J. C. Kyle, Nu, '74, congressman from Mississippi, declined to stand for re-election because his views on the money question were not in harmony with those of his constituents. Two Sigs.—Thomas Spight, Sigma, '62, and W. A. Roane, Eta, '75, Nu, '75—were candidates before a democratic primary for the place, with four contestants. Their aggregate vote in the convention was three-fourths of the total vote, though neither had a majority. After a dead-lock of a week they allowed a dark horse to win.

MARRIAGES.

Brother Perry Smith, Gamma, '90, Theta Theta, '92, and Miss Julies McCoy were married at Zanesville, O., December 18th.

Harrison Nesbit, Alpha Theta, ex-'98, of Washington, D. C., was married on November 25th to Miss Edith Herron, of Washington, D. C.

Ralph S. Farwell, Alpha Theta, ex-98, of Chicago, Ill., was married on Wednesday, October 7th, to Miss Lillian May Barnes, of Chicago.

William W. Cutler, Alpha Theta, '94, of Waltham, Mass., was married on Monday, October 12th, to Miss Alice Rust, of Boston, Mass.

William F. Kendrick, Alpha Pi, '96, and Etta Bliss Hoffman were united in marriage Tuesday, October 27th, at the home of the bride, Albion, Mich.

On Wednesday, October 14th, Rev. Jesse E. Sarles and Miss Frances McConnell Bowen were married at Madison, Wis. Brother Sarles has charge of the Congregational Church at Necedah, Wis.

At Indianapolis, Ind., October 26th, the marriage of Mr. Merle Sidener, Rho, ex-'96, and Miss Iva Scrimcher occurred at the residence of the bride. About fifty of the relatives and intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. B. A. Jenkins, of the Third Christian Church. After the ceremony and wedding supper the bridal party and guests went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Sidener. After a visit with relatives in Kentucky Brother and Mrs. Sidener returned to their home.

OBITUARY.

FREDERICK B. KEMPF.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to call to Him our brother, Frederick B. Kempf; and WHEREAS, In his death Sigma Chi has lost a true man, a loyal brother and a faithful friend; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Omega chapter of Sigma Chi extends its heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of our brother; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be published in the SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY, be sent to the family of the deceased, and be written in the minutes of the chapter.

CLARENCE HARRISON MOWRY,

LEROY WELLS WARREN,
CORNELIUS ROOSEVELT BARNARD,
Committee.

JAMES CARSON DIXON.

For the second time in the history of Alpha Omicron chapter of Sigma Chi one of its members has been called to that last resting-place whence there is no return. On the 6th day of October, in the twenty-third year of his life, Brother James Carson Dixon passed away.

Endeared to all who knew him by those ties which only some

natures are capable of creating, he is especially missed and mourned by his brethren of Sigma Chi, whose privilege it was to be intimately associated with him.

To all a man of gentle disposition and noble character, to them he was a devoted and admired brother who so lived his life that they gathered from the beauty of his character a keener insight into true manhood. The White Cross of Sigma Chi has gained new lustre through him. Be it therefore

Resolved. That in his death our Fraternity has suffered the loss of a zealous worker and a noble man; that the individual members of this chapter have been deprived of the friendship and brotherhood of one whom they have learned to revere as an example of all that is pure and lofty in life, and that there has gone from the world one whose living has so influenced the minds of those with whom he came in contact that, through hem, his example will live and be communicated throughout the ages to his fellow men, and, be it

Resolved, That we extend our most heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family; and, be it

Resolved. That the chapter wear the badge of mourning for thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be published in the Tulane Collegian, in College Spirit and in the Sigma Chi Quarterly.

G. Hawkins Norton,

Douglas Forsyth,
William H. Hayward,
F. Adair Monroe, Jr.,

Committee.

GEORGE YOST COFFIN.

In the early dawn of the 28th day of last November Brother George Yost Coffin, of Epsilon, '69, departed this life after a weary illness of more than a year. Brother Yost was a man of versatile attainments, but his renown was gained as a cartoonist. In this art he enjoyed distinction. Of him the Washington *Post* says:

"Mr. Coffin gave evidence of his brilliant attainments in his early college days, and his pictures were even then a source of amusement and wonder to his fellow students. In later years his brilliant work won for him distinction all over the country, and in this city he became a social favorite, numbering among his friends people high in the official life of the capitol, in whose homes many of his pictures commemorative of episodes unpublished are cherished as priceless treasures.

"One peculiarity of Mr. Coffin's work not always possessed by a cartoonist in other cities was his thorough knowledge of Washington, its customs and characters. This gave a local color to his cartoons that was highly appreciated here. Especially in his pictures of public men was he almost photographic in his accuracy. They were statesmen, not as grotesquely caricatured in some publications, but as they appeared upon the streets. These characteristics were due to Mr. Coffin's complete identification with the capitol city, for, although a native of Pennsylvania, he had lived here since he was six years old.

"Mr. Coffin also illustrated several books, among them being Sunset Cox's 'Diversions of a Diplomat,' A. C. Buell's 'Story of a Cannoneer,' Col. Hinman's 'Si

Klegg and His Pard,' especially well known among Grand Army men. He also illustrated for several years Walter Wellman's Washington correspondence for the American Press Association."

The Washington Association of Sigma Chi alumni adopted the following commemorative resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to remove from our midst our much beloved brother, George Yost Coffin, of Epsilon chapter; and

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Washington Association of Sigma Chi alumni, deem it proper to place on record our testimonial to his marked manly and cultivated worth as a Sigma Chi; be it therefore

Resolved, That in the death of George Yost Coffin our Fraternity and this association loses a genial, loyal and zealous brother, an honest and upright man whose virtues endeared him not only to his brethren, but to all who knew him, and one whose genius and accomplishments made him an ornament to his profession, a brilliant member of society and an honor to Sigma Chi.

Resolved, That this association hereby tenders its heartfelt sympathy to the family of our deceased brother.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and published in the Sigma Chi Quarterly.

ROBERT FARNHAM, Epsilon,

REGINALD FENDALL, EPSILON, ANDREW B. DUVALL, EPSILON, SAMUEL H. WALKER, EPSILON, THEODORE W. NOYES, EPSILON, Committee.

December 1, 1896.

BURGESS ELWYN HOLROYD.

"He past; a soul of nobler tone; My spirit loved and loves him yet."

Though six long months have worn themselves away since the spirit of Burgess Elwyn Holroyd "passed" out and on with the light of a fading day (August 5, 1896); though the green of summer has yielded to the golden glow of autumn, and in turn to the cold gray of winter, since that sad summer afternoon when we walked out in the stillness and tenderly laid beneath the green trees and among the flowers his mortal body, yet it seems but yesterday in memory, so vivid are the circumstances, and so deep and abiding our sorrow. In his death Omega has sustained a loss indeed immeasurable and inexpressible, and one that can not be forgotten with the passing day.

It is with considerable hesitancy that I bring myself to speak of Brother Holroyd's life. His was a life so full, a character so individual, a friendship so rich, that the best tribute we might pay him would seem all too poor. The more delicate qualities of character are too subtle for expression, and it was in those qualities, unseen by the ordinary observer, and eluding description, that he excelled. While he possessed

a beautiful, well-rounded character, and while his genius, his intellectual vigor and congeniality attracted all, yet the true glory of his character lay in the unselfish thoughtfulness of his daily life, and in those little fraternal acts which only those who were nearest him can best remember and appreciate.

Brother Holroyd was a man every inch alive, delicately organized, versatile, responsive, sympathetic; susceptible to the finer influences, the more subtle expressions of being. To him life was dear and full of promise; friendship and love were sweet and inspiring, and though he had but reached his twenty-first year, the year at which most men begin to think and enter upon their manhood, he had in thought long been a man, and had lived in the brief span allotted him vastly more than many a man at thirty.

Sigma Chi will look far and wait long to find a more loyal member; for with him her interests were ever foremost, her friendship the most sacred, and in the last days of his trying illness her name was often on his lips. So interwoven was his personality with the life of the chapter, so close was he to the heart of each individual member, that his absence has cast over all the activities and gatherings of the year a saddening incompleteness. We have missed him in the sunshine and the storm, in the song and in the fireside revery. The study-room, the sacred circle, have all fallen under the long shadow which his going left.

But character never dies; and thus Omega chapter, while enriched by his life and his efforts in her behalf, by his death becomes the inheritor of a legacy which time can never destroy—the legacy of a noble and loving character. Though our hearts are heavy as we write these words, yet we are glad in his memory; we are glad for the place he has held in our lives, and with the same gladness that we yielded him a place in our hearts, we hold his memory sacred through the passing years.

The evening bells ring; the darkness deepens; I look out toward the western sky, and in mental vision I see the low, snow-covered mound under the cold and leafless trees, but with the eye of faith I penetrate beyond the night to the promised morning, beyond the grave to the world of spirit and larger life, and there employed in the higher activities, I find the freed and radiant soul.

"Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress trees!
Who has not learned in hours of faith,
The truth to sense and flesh unknown,
That Life is ever lord of Death,
And Love can never lose its own."

Evanston, Ill., January 30, 1897.

LEROY WELLS WARREN.



College and Fraternity Notes.

Theta Delta Chi is making preparations for a semi-centennial celebration next February.

The Phi Kappa Psi Shield says that five of its chapters own realty valued at \$95,400, subject to a total mortgage of \$32,325. The personal property owned by all chapters (save four) is given as \$19,420.

Mr. Clay W. Holmes at the Theta Delta Chi convention held last December as editor of the *Shield* reported as follows: Receipts from charges (chapters), \$320; from graduate subscriptions, etc., \$435.70, with \$78 unpaid by the charges; expenditures, \$809.97.

There is a class of college organization which, by its growth in prominence of late years, has served materially to handicap the aspirations of fraternities. These institutions are the fruit of the spread of conviviality and caste among the colleges. Theta Nu Epsilon is the zenith of these abominations, and is the model after which a now numerous army of locals is fashioned. In college communities where they abound fraternities have, in a weak-kneed manner, allowed members promiscuous connection therewith, thereby compromising not only essential conceptions, but tacitly submitting to actual violation of an obligation required by virtually all fraternities. As a result, in numerous localities fraternities have been dislodged from their original moorings and have drifted into society, politics, athletics or wrecked outright. A moderate amount of backbone is all that is needed to stem the tide and the concerted action of a few representative fraternities not yet undermined by these pests would, it appears, meet the exigency. vast concourse of law, medical and dental "fraternities" should also be given due credit for their yeoman labors along the line of diluting real fraternity spirit. If these concerns be "quizz clubs" (as they generally claim) they should not masquerade under a Greek letter title, nor, if fraternities, should they select their membership from the ranks of other fraternities. To the untutored general public anything bearing the Hellenic stamp, whether Theta Nu Epsilon, Phi Delta Phi or Alpha Delta Phi, is a fraternity. As these affairs, as a class, make no pretensions toward the cultivation of the fraternal (in case of the opposite at the expense of others) they are consequently merely barnacles on the body politic of the fraternity system. They should be made to come out of the woodpile and surrender their Greek letter disguise or be placed under a universal ban. As a generality it would be better if both alternatives could be enforced.—Kappa Alpha Journal.

The spasmodic and unfruitful efforts of various fraternities to reform the existing conditions of life at Yale and Harvard has about clinched the popular opinion that there is a something in the local atmosphere of each antagonistic to the development of the intrinsically fraternal. Those fraternities which have survived these experiments successfully have been compelled to sacrifice some of their essential principles and have become for the most part merely convivial class clubs. Delta Phi, after many long and vicissitudinous years of endeavor to batter down the stone wall of the Yale system, gave up over a year ago and fell in line with the long-established junior clubs, Psi U. and D. K. E. To illustrate the unique character of the privileges enjoyed by these "chapters," members from other chapters entering Yale below junior are not recognized, and though generally re-elected to membership in the fraternity when the junior year is reached, such is optional. last number of the D. K. E. Quarterly the Yale chapter letter records that "Julius Tuckerman, formerly of Mu chapter (Hamilton), was elected to active membership in the Phi" (Yale). In view of meeting the peculiar conditions of the place, Beta Theta Pi now conducts a chapter at Harvard after the same fashion. Any Beta going to Harvard is compelled, in case he desires to continue active fraternity relations, to go through a second election. The popular form of the Greek letter organization at Harvard now appears to be a mere association of members of the same fraternity from different chapters attending the university. This arrangement is simply an alumni association, and there are no charters, and, of course, no right to initiate. D. K. E. has conducted an association of this variety for some time, and the November SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY announces the formation of a similar organization of its members now studying there. The QUARTELY quotes one of the organizers to this effect: "Our purpose is not as some may suppose, to form a club which shall in any way compete with the various fraternities and clubs here, for we think that is neither advisable nor practica-In this university fraternities as fraternities have no standing. We do not think that the true fraternity spirit exists and we strongly, under the present conditions, disapprove of a chapter being placed here."-Kappa Alpha Journal.



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RITUALISTIC AND CONSTITUTIONAL SOURCES OF THE SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY.*

The presentation to the Fraternity of what has been looked upon as the original constitution and ritual of Sigma Chi at the last Grand Chapter, held in Cincinnati, in August, 1895, was commented upon by the Grand Annotator in his report of the proceedings of the meeting, and at that time was attended with no little interest. The document was received by Grand Tribune Charles Alling, Jr. from Rev. George A. Pollock, of Elgin, Ill., and was presented by Gen. Ben. P. Runkle. It had been in the possession of Mr. Pollock since the transfer of the governing power of the Fraternity to the Gamma Chapter in 1858, and had been entirely lost sight of by all who were interested in the establishment of the Order. The document, according to a statement contained therein, is written in the "Sigma Chi Alphabet"—a cipher prepared specially for the purpose by W. L. Lockwood. So far as is known this is the only original written document in existence closely connected with the early history of the Fraternity, and many things of interest are connected therewith. It is written on heavy record paper which has the appearance of having once been bound in book form. It is without cover, and the leaves are detached. After it was memorized by the members of the parent chapter the leaves were stuck together to avoid the possibility of anyone easily reading the contents. On the last page, as is shown by accompanying cut, is an interesting record of initiations during the first two or three years. A record of expulsion is made by writing the word "expelled," with date, over a name, in large letters.

After the Cincinnati convention the ritual was referred to Prof. W. D. Sproull of The University of Cincinnati, who has had considerable experience in deciphering manuscripts of this kind, and by whom a key was readily worked out. It was not until recently, however, that the

^{*}This article is written not with the expectation that it will prove interesting reading to all Sigma Chis, but with the belief, rather, that it will be valuable to the Fraternity as a historical record, which will be looked upon as important as time advances.

matter was translated, and aside from the assistance rendered by Professor Sproull, Messrs. Peirce, Alpha Pi, '90, and Burnham, Alpha Pi, '92, performed valuable services in the work of translation.

In the hope that some incidents of interest might be obtained, communications were sent by the author of this article to a number of the early members of the Fraternity. The attempt was, however, rather unfruitful, owing to the fact that but little could be remembered by any of the men regarding the authorship or preparation of the manuscript. Replies were received from Gen. Ben. P. Runkle, Washington, D. C.; Judge A. A. Carnahan, Concordia, Kan.; Mr. J. P. Caldwell, Mississippi City, Miss., and Mr. Thomas C. Bell, Portland, Ore. The following interesting passages are taken from the letters of Brothers Runkle and Caldwell, respectively: "We had very little chance for ceremony-meeting in any out-of-the-way place we could find, and always keeping the time and place of meeting a secret. It was considered a great thing to find out where another fraternity held its meetings: they were held by moonlight, and by no light at all. Whatever there was in the way of ceremony is contained in that old copy of the constitution which has been saved, only that we would extemporize such performances as would fit the time and place; there were no such 'tests,' I think, as are indulged in now."

"I remember that Will Lockwood was the author of the cipher, and that to him was committed the keeping of the ritual, but I think Runkle and Jordan were the principal authors. This naturally arose from the fact that all the brethren, excepting Lockwood, knew personally that they (Runkle and Jordan) had enjoyed greater opportunities than the rest of us for acquiring special knowledge on the subject."

Perhaps the most interesting letter is from Brother Pollock, in which he tells how he came to be in possession of the ritual, and recites a number of interesting incidents in connection with the early organization. The following is the letter, complete:

ELGIN, ILL., Nov. 6, 1896.

Newman Miller:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Yours of the 5th at hand. Respecting the Sigma Chi ritual I can say only this: Some two and a half or three years ago, in looking through some old papers in an old trunk, which I had when I was in Miami, I came across the ritual, to my utter astonishment. How it came there, and why I should have it, was more than I could account for; I had never been Custos; Will Lockwood always had been, and had had charge of all the books, papers, etc. At the close of our senior year (1858) we found there was but one "Sigma" in the Alpha chapter who would return in '59, and he was not of the kind to build up and maintain a chapter, and after a consultation it was thought best to turn over to the next oldest chapter, the Gamma, at Delaware, Ohio, the effects, and to disband until there should be a better opportunity of sustaining a good chap-

ter. What Lockwood sent the Gamma I do not now remember, if I ever knew. There were a few books in the library, the greater part of which Lockwood said he had donated, and he, therefore, took possession of the same. To the best of my recollection Lockwood gave me three or four books—"Astoria" was one of them, and I think it can be found among some of my old books now. A. J. McFarland also got about the same number, I think. Those who had never contributed to the library received none.

Although I have no recollection, it appears to me that the most probable way the ritual could have come into my possession was in being enclosed in one of the books. It could not have been received by me after June, 1858. Possibly Rev. A. J. McFarland, D. D., Beaver, Pa., may have some distinct recollection.* He is a "Sig," and was my room-mate and class-mate at the time. As Lockwood was the Custos from the beginning, he had charge of everything. It was his trunk which was cut open, in '56, and the ritual (not written in cipher) of the Sigma Phi was stolen; hence the new name—Sigma Chi—and new ritual.† He continued Custos until our departure from college. After graduation, and going off to prepare for a profession, and the coming on of the war, the Fraternity was unheard of and lost sight of by me for many years. When it came to my knowledge a few years ago of the progress made, my soul was truly delighted. Since leaving college it has been my pleasure to meet Runkle, Jordan, and McFarland only of the old "Sigs."

Fraternally yours,

G. A. POLLOCK.

It seems from this letter that the document in question is not, strictly speaking, the original, but that another must have been in existence. This probably was not as elaborate as the one which was prepared after the first was stolen.

The document itself seems to perform the double function of providing a constitution and ritual. Why the framers should have consolidated these two functions in one form is not known, unless the necessity of simplicity and secrecy demanded the same. The rivalry at Miami University at this time among the established fraternities demanded secrecy in all matters, and for fear that other societies should succeed in discovering the workings of the new order, every precaution to avoid this was taken. The preparation of a special cipher was not the only precaution which was taken, as the arrangement of the different articles and sections is one which is not to be expected. For instance, article 7 is placed first, providing for an initiation fee to be paid by all ordinary members, and the preamble is placed last.

On the whole, the document may be said to constitute the common law source of the order, and it contains many things which are still binding upon the Fraternity at large. In some cases the idea alone is retained, while in others the exact wording remains. The points of similarity between the laws regulating the Fraternity to-day and those of this early document are, however, confined largely to the ritualistic

^{*}It has been impossible to reach Brother McFarland.

[†] See Catalogue and History, pages xxiii and xxiv, (Edition 1890.)

provisions. Constitutional matters have undergone so many changes that it is difficult to trace any relation between the two.

The literary idea seems to have occupied a very important place in the minds of the founders. This is evident from the numerous provisions regulating the qualifications of membership, emblems, etc. The first requirement, which we notice, for membership was that the candidate should be "a member of a literary society in good standing, maintaining a respectable standing in class work." Section 4 of Article II provides that the "object of the biennial convention shall be to promote the general interest of the Fraternity, and to hear an oration and a poem delivered by honorary members of the same." Further, recognition was given the three literary societies then in existence at Miami—namely, the Union Literary Society, Eritian Literary Society and the Erodelphian Society. A quotation from a letter from Brother Runkle strengthens our opinion in the statement made above. It is as follows: "The Fraternity had a decided literary cast in the beginning, and we never had a meeting without literary exercises, if it was possible to have the We held on to a high moral and profoundly sober standard, so far as the Fraternity was concerned, though we broke over oftentimes outside." In the light of the attitude which many chapters are taking toward literary matters this is a very important fact in connection with the history of our organization. There seems to be a tendency at present to make the object of the order entirely social and fraternal. lack of the literary element in chapters is one, from the writer's standpoint, which is to be regretted, and, if not remedied, we believe it will be a source of danger to our system in the future. In many of the smaller colleges the fraternities have entirely ruined the prospects of supporting successful literary societies, and thus have taken away all opportunity for intellectual advancement outside of the class-room. it for granted that all will agree that the old "literary" has done much toward developing the power of debate among college men, and in other ways enabling its members to make practical use of the results of the class-room, and we fear that unless the need which was met by the old societies is supplied, to an extent at least, by the fraternities, the student must lose this important part of his college work. Doubtless, sociability and goodfellowship form very important factors in fraternity life, but the chapter which devotes all of its time to this side of college life loses its opportunity to greatly broaden its field, and does so at a sacrifice to its members in many things which go to make success in after life.

According to the ritual, members were classified as ordinary and hon-

A SPECIMEN PAGE, SHOWING PREAMBLE.

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orary. The idea of honorary membership seems to have had a strong foothold in the early days of most fraternities. It has for a long time been looked upon with disfavor by our own organization, and the action taken at the special convention, held in New York several years ago, makes it no longer a possibility in Sigma Chi.

The following list of officers, provided by this constitution, shows almost an entire change in name, and, in one instance, a change of function: Consul Premus, (Sigma); Consul Secundus, (Chi); Scribe, (Iota); Scriptor, (Kappa); Custos, (Delta). The Greek letter in parenthesis after the name of each office is the name by which the officer was familiarly known in the chapter. The functions of the various officers were the same as devolve upon those of to-day, with the exception of custos, who formerly performed the duties of the present Quaestor.

A noticeable fact arises in relation to the exact date of the establishment of the Fraternity. In all of the printed documents which are in existence the date is given as June 20, 1855, but according to a special provision in this constitution this date is placed at June 28, 1855,—a difference of eight days. The authority for the first date is not known, but General Runkle and other founders are inclined to look upon the later as the one authentic date.

The "secret motto" and the motto used in "our intercourse with others," remain the same. The description of the badge and seal is somewhat different from that contained in the present ritual.

In order that our readers may judge somewhat of the appearance of the document, we accompany this article with a cut of the last page, giving, among other things, the preamble, a translation of which is as follows:

"Believing that many advantages are to be derived from a secret fraternity organization, appreciating that closer communion of kindred hearts, which adds so many incentives to virtuous exertion, and feeling that in union there is strength, we do hereby form ourselves into an association for the development of the nobler powers of the mind, the minor feelings of the heart, and for the promotion of friendship and congeniality of feeling.—Preamble."

Newman Miller.

The University of Chicago, May 1, 1897.

MY SWEETHEART.

Air-"My Sweetheart's the Man in the Moon."

1. Many students have their sweethearts in this college town,
But there's one 'mong all the others wears a dark blue gown;
She's my sweetheart, you may know her, just as well as I,
By her sweet and modest manner as she passes by.

Chorus:

A Sigma Chi badge you will see;
She wears it because she loves me;
The boys all declare
With a satisfied air
That the cross ne'er adorned a face quite so fair,
As it rises and falls on her breast,
It gleams like a star in the West,
Upon the blue coat,
Just below the white throat,
Emblematic of all that is best.

2. Very often have I wondered how to pass the day When I did not have a sweetheart speeding time away; Now, when study hours are over, I delight to woo, And can read in eyes most tender how she loves me true.

Chorus:

My sweetheart's the girl in the blue;
I'm going to marry her, too.
'Twould fill me with bliss
Just to give her a kiss
And repeat, for a dozen I never would miss;
But wait till I graduate soon,
Along tow'rd the last of next June,
When she says the "sheepskin"
Will permit me to win
A kiss by the light of the moon.

-ORVILLE S. BRUMBACK.

Editorial.

OUR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

The committee appointed by the Grand Consul, in accordance with a resolution passed by the last Grand Chapter to codify our laws, made report in the January Bulletin of its labors thus far, proposing, in addition to the codification, many amendments. At the meeting held in August at Put-in-Bay, it was found advisable to defer work on the revision of the by-laws until the reports of certain officers to the succeeding convention were received. The object of this, apparently, was to obtain as much light as possible on the subject of a financial division among the various sinking funds, etc. Consequently up to this time only the constitution has been renovated. While, in the main, the committee has kept to the old lines, many excellent changes have been proposed. Profiting by the experience of twelve years, the improvement as to logical and perspicuous arrangement is especially commendable. Many of the former little inconsistencies have been removed and passages of doubtful construction elucidated. In a general way the federation idea upon which our present constitution seems to have been founded has been retained. That is to say, the theory upon which the committee proceeded seems to have been that the Fraternity is composed of many chapters which act as entities, just as the United States is composed of many commonwealths. A separation of the three functions of government, legislative, executive and judicial, is provided for as far as circumstances will permit.

The supreme legislative power is lodged in a representative covention the Grand Chapter whose power is absolute within the limits prescribed. It is a body of enumerated functions, just as is the federal government. As there, all powers not expressly or impliedly granted to the United States, or forbidden to be exercised by the individual states, are held to be reserved in the component states, so is the Grand Chapter limited to the exercise of certain powers, and all others (in the absence of further provisions or restrictions) are retained by the individual chapter. The Grand Chapter, convening each two years, consists of one delegate from a majority of the component chapters. During its recess, with certain restrictions, its powers legislative and otherwise, are to be exercised by a Grand Council consisting of a Grand Consul, a Grand Quæstor, a Grand Annotator, a Grand Tribune, a Grand Editor and the Grand Prætors, all to be elected by each Grand Chapter.

The supreme judicial powers are to be exercised by the Grand Triumvirs, consisting of the Grand Annotator and two other members of the Grand Council (except the Grand Tribune and the Grand Editor), to be selected by the Grand Chapter.

The executive power is vested in the several officers composing the Grand Council, their respective duties being prescribed. They are subject to the general supervision of the Grand Council and the Grand Triumvirs.

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

The editor believes that the federation idea is not exactly adapted to the history of Sigma Chi. Our central body, the Grand Chapter, does not, in truth, receive its powers from the chapters. Quite the reverse,—the separate chapters exist by virtue of the act of the Grand Chapter, and each chapter has only such power as is expressly or impliedly granted. We are not a federation or a union of chapters,—there is no union about it. Certainly the "members" active and alumni of the chapters compose the Fraternity, but the chapter itself is not a member.

The committee propose no new theory, as the present constitution provides: "This Fraternity...., shall consist of Active Chapters in American colleges, etc........ But I submit that this Fraternity does not "consist of Active Chapters" notwithstanding the declaration. The editor does not believe the point he makes was raised before the Grand Chapter which adopted that section, or it would not have been so worded. This Fraternity is composed of men not chapters. The latter is a creature of necessity, and is represented at conventions, etc., only as a matter of convenience. Some way of securing a representative body of members must be provided, and the chapter system offers the solution. It is believed that such is the common understanding. Our organization is not analogous to the United States; it has not been created by a compact among chapters. It is rather analogous to the individual state,—the chapters being equivalent to the counties and other municipalities. As the county is subservient to the state, so is the chapter to the Fraternity. And as the county exists by favor of the state so does the chapter exist by favor of the Fraternity. Certain enumerated powers are given to the Grand Chapter. From the legal maxim that the enumeration of certain things excludes all others, it follows that the Grand Chapter has those powers and only those which are enumerated or included by fair implication. Should not the Grand Chapter be unlimited in its powers? As a matter of practice it will be found, as it has been in the past, that the Grand Chapter will do exactly what it wants to do. It is the highest power in the Fraternity,

and no authority save courts of law can question its acts. And no matter what the constitution may provide, the majority can override all provisions and restrictions. And there is a way to do this legally so that even courts of law could not question the validity of the act. If any clause stands in the way of the Grand Chapter, a majority vote may remove that clause by amendment. True, it is provided that the constitution shall be amended by a three-fourths vote of members of any Grand Chapter. But cannot any Grand Chapter, by a majority vote, amend that provision? As the editor understands it may. This he knóws, that where directors of a corporation adopt by-laws and provide for amendment of the same by a two-thirds or three-fourths vote, that clause itself may be changed by a majority, and that is only just and logical. It is proper to add that this depends upon the manner in which the original instrument is adopted. If by a majority vote, then it may be amended by a majority.

Since, then, as it seems to the editor our traditions require that the Grand Chapter's power be unlimited, and since, as a matter of practice, all restrictions are liable to be ignored, it is suggested that article three of committee's report be stricken out.

As being in the same line, attention is called to Art. II., Sec. 2, which, in effect, provides that the Grand Chapter shall consist of delegates from the chapters, active and alumni. It seems to the editor that the members of the Grand Council should be ex-officio members of the Grand Chapter. It will most emphatically be not detrimental to the Fraternity to allow a vote in the legislature to the members of the Grand Council, whose knowledge of the needs of the Fraternity is greater than that of the representatives from the chapters. It is suggested that these officers be made members of the chapter only because it appears to be eminently wise to avail ourselves of the greater knowledge and sounder judgment of these brothers. True, even now they have the privileges of the floor,—but why should they not be allowed to vote?

THE GRAND COUNCIL.

It is provided that this body shall consist of the Grand Officers as follows: Consul, Quaestor, Annotator, Tribune, Editor and Praetors. As there are now nine provinces, which will likely be further subdivided as the order grows, the Grand Council under this article would consist of fourteen members subject to be increased. And if the suggestions of the editor are adopted another will be added. Is this not an unwieldly body? It must be remembered that all the business of this body is done by correspondence. It never meets in assembly, as does the triumvirate.

to discuss questions of polity. But every argument must be submitted by mail. And the difficulties in the way of thorough discussion, especially between the members of the Council themselves would probably never be surmounted. Article XII., establishes certain duties to be performed by this body. But that is not all. In diverse places throughout the report other duties are assigned to it, for instance, an appeal lies from the action of the Triumvirs in expelling a member. Take such a case,—what a vast amount of correspondence would be necessary to lay the situation and evidence before the Grand Council! Each member thereof must have everything submitted to him.

Why would it not be just as well to make the enumerated officers eligible as members of a Grand Council to consist of five or seven members to be elected at each Grand Chapter, the Grand Consul to be exofficio a member? This would do away with the terrible unwieldliness of the body with a membership of fourteen or fifteen. It may be objected that each Praetor should be a member of the council to represent his province and the chapter therein contained. But if the editor is right in his contention that the Fraternity does not consist of chapters and provinces but of men, then there is no reason for extending representation to each province.

It would seem only just that the Grand Historian be also eligible to election to the council. A proper discharge of his duties requires a great deal of time, and it is only fair that he be given some power in the management of our affairs.

It may also be wise to provide that officers who are of the triumvirate be ineligible to act during the term as such officers as a member of the Council. The Grand Council is given power to set in review of many acts of the Grand Triumvirs, and it seems reasonable that the same men ought not to act as both a trial court and court of review to review their own acts.

Attention is called to Section 2 of Article IV., which seems to give the Grand Council power by a two-thirds vote to pass enactments in conflict with the enactments and statutes of the Chapter. This seems a wise provision to the editor, but others may not view it in that light, and for that reason attention is called to it. It undoubtedly will occur that hasty action of a Grand Chapter will be found to be deficient or positively harmful. In which case it is well enough to have reserved a power which can make the necessary changes. Of course when a Grand Chapter has adopted a statute the Grand Council will accept that as the wish of the Fraternity, and will not pass conflicting statutes unless it is apparent that the Chapter acted unadvisedly.

THE GRAND TRIUMVIRS.

It is provided that this body shall consist of the Grand Annotator and two other members of the Grand Council (except the Grand Tribune and Grand Editor), who shall be residents of the same city or locality as the Grand Tribune.

This provision necessitates that the Grand Tribune, the Grand Annotator and two of the following Grand Consul, Grand Quaestor or Grand Praetor shall reside in the same place. Why is it necessary to thus narrow the field of selection? Circumstances will readily suggest themselves to every one under which it would be very desirable, almost necessary that the Tribune or the Editor or Historian be made a member of the Triumvirate. And then why the discrimination against the two officers named in the excepting clause? The duty of these officers bring them in close contact with the active and alumni members. And they are thereby afforded an excellent opportunity than any of the other officers to know the sentiments and understand the wishes of the Fraternity at large. Why should we deprive ourselves of the advantage of the knowledge and experience of these two officers?

AN EXCHANGE EDITOR.

A number of the fraternities have an "exchange editor," whose duty it is to follow the magazines of the other societies, making suitable quotations, etc., in his own publication. This idea commends itself to the editor as a most excellent one. A good, lively exchange department would make an excellent addition to the QUARTERLY. With his first issue, the present editor announced his intention to maintain such department, but experience has shown him that the other duties of the office require so much time that no one would be justified in expending, in addition thereto, the time necessary to keep one thoroughly posted on what the other papers are saving. The editor has not shrinked any duty rightfully his, and would have been most happy, as tending to add to the merit of the QUARTERLY, to have kept a close watch on the other magazines, but it has been absolutely impossible for him to do so. After a person has devoted the amount of time necessary to get out a number of the QUARTERLY he finds that he can not spare the additional time to conduct such a department.

All of the Greek letter magazines often contain articles that would be instructive and interesting to the members of our own organization. Many item of college and fraternity news may also be thus obtained. The members of the Sigma Chi should be interested in learning something of the other fraternities, of what they are, where they have chapters, what they are doing, etc. This they have no opportunity of doing, especially in the smaller institutions where but few fraternities are represented. Frequently a chapter letter in one of the magazines discusses the Sigma Chi Chapter at that place, sometimes favorably, sometimes otherwise. But in either case it ought not to escape us.

To meet the situation and secure the advantages undoubtedly to be so secured the editor suggests that Sigma Chi create the office of Deputy Grand Editor (or any other title), the duty of which shall be such as are hereinafter specified. It would be a pleasure to discharge such duties. Freed of his other duties to the Fraternity the editor would be happy of the opportunity of holding his finger on the pulse of the Greek letter fraternity system, of watching the growth and retrogression of the various organizations, of quoting from worthy articles, etc. There are many men qualified who would be happy to do this work. Brother John B. McPherson of Gettysburg, Pa., would be a great success.

The following amendment to the committee's report is, therefore, suggested. In Article XII, change Section 2 to Section 3 and add as Section 2 "It shall be the duty of the Assistant Editor to keep a list of exchanges, revising the same from time to time, reporting the changes to the Grand Quaestor; to keep thoroughly acquainted with the magazines published by other fraternities; and to provide for the Grand Editor for each issue of the Quarterly suitable quotations from such magazines with editorial comment on the same."

In addition to the above, the editor wishes to call the committee's attention to several points which he thinks should be considered. the first place if it is decided to incorporate it will be necessary to provide for a Board of Directors, who will all probably have to be selected from the same state; not necessarily, however. I do not believe Illinois requires the directors of corporations not for profit of its creation to reside within the state—some states do. For reasons which appeared in the discussion of the advisability of incorporating no duties should be assigned to the Board. It is a legal necessity only.—Article I transfers certain things from Ritual, and provides a public motto, flag, badge and seal. Should not the coat-of-arms form an additional section?—Second, 2 of Article II contains a salutory provision to the effect that the same person can not act as a delegate for two or more chapters. That will stop the vest pocket voting. But would it not be well to except Special Grand Chapters from this provision? At such meetings it will be practically impossible to secure a quorum if it is provided that none can act as a delegate unless he reside in the province in which is located the chapter he seeks to represent, and, if in addition, one person can represent but one chapter.—Should not Section 1 of Article IX provide that the Grand Praetors must be residents of the province over which they have jurisdiction?—Would it not be well to add to Article XIV a clause requiring that Alumni Chapters report to the Grand Editor for publication in the QUARTERLY the procedings of the annual meeting? And a further clause to the effect that failure to hold such annual meeting during the year preceeding any Grand Chapter shall cause a forfeiture of a right to representation in such Grand Chapter?—Article XX provides for amending the constitution and ritual by a three-fourths vote of the members of any Grand Chapter, or by a two-thirds vote of the chapters upon a submission of the question to them during the period between sessions of the chapter. Under this provision if we had forty-eight chapters, the vote of thirty-two would be required to adopt an amendment submitted during the interim between Grand Chapters. But if all chapters are represented at the Grand Chapter, as they probably will be in the future, not thirty-two but thirty-six will be required to make any change in the constitution or ritual. But the objection to provision as it stands is this: It is previously provided that delegates from a majority of the chapters shall constitute a quorum. With fifty chapters a majority would be twenty-six. Now, if two-thirds of any Grand Chapter may alter the constitution and ritual, such change may be made by a vote of eighteen delegates or a little more than one-third of the chapters. Of course, at the regular biennial chapter, we will hereafter have practically a full representation. But how about the specially called chapters? At such meetings hereafter it will be difficult under the provision, as to proxies, to secure even a quorum, so that a large part of the Fraternity will not be represented. Such a small number should not be given the power to make vital changes. It is, therefore, suggested that either a clause be added to the committee's report providing that special chapters called by the Grand Consul shall not have power to alter or amend the constitution or ritual, or that the committee's recommendation be changed to require a vote equal to two-thirds of the total number of chapters. regardless of whether such amendments or alteration are substituted at a convention or by a vote of the Grand Council.

THETA NU EPSILON, ETC.

"At our last meeting all future connection with the Senior Club, and Skulls of Thirteen was severed, thus anticipating the kick from head-quarters concerning similar organizations." Thus writes Brother Ben. G. Fernald, of Purdue University, in the Delta Delta chapter letter.

The editor knows of no reason why "a kick from headquarters" should have been anticipated. As far as he is informed no consideration of the matter has ever been had by the officers of the Fraternity. It is a question, however, for the Grand Chapter to consider at the convention. Many of the other fraternities prohibit their members from belonging to such organizations as those referred to in the Delta Delta resolution. Should Sigma Chi do the same? Strong arguments may be made on both sides. On the one hand, it seems that a person should not be allowed to divide his allegiance between Sigma Chi and other organizations of a similar character. A connection with the "Thirteen Club," or any other organization of that character, can but detract from one's interest in Sigma Chi. On the other hand, may not these organizations tend to prevent clanishness and to promote a friendly feeling among the members of the different fraternities? As a general thing, these non-de-script societies are composed of representatives from each of the fraternities having chapters at the particular institution. These representatives are sometimes selected by the society of which they become members, and sometimes by the chapters they represent. Frequently, in the former case, a chapter is represented by a man far inferior, in many respects, to other men in the chapter. Does this not give rise to ill-feeling and jealousies in the chapter? As to the considerations which govern in the selection of members of these societies, the editor is not prepared to lay down a general rule. But it is often true that the "sporty" men of each chapter are sought. And in this manner all the men of that tendency in the institution are brought together to the great detriment of each. however, is true of many fraternity chapters. Each case may be regarded as an unfortunate perversion of a system, and a subject to be dealt with by the college authorities in each particular case.

SIGMA CHI GEOGRAPHY.

The Grand Triumvirs are in receipt of a map prepared by Brother Sam. R. Ireland, of Washington, D. C., showing the geographical distribution of the provinces and chapters of Sigma Chi. It was prepared from an outline of the United States geological survey, and is artistic in every respect. The map has been neatly framed, and will be exhibited at the next Grand Chapter, at Nashville. It would prove a very interesting and valuable ornament for any chapter house or lodge, and can easily be reproduced at little expense. It would serve as a great educa tor to younger members of the order, as it represents in a graphic man ner the extent of the organization, and would, in many other ways, prove a valuable aid in the workings of any live chapter.

ANNOTATOR'S REPORTS.

It is made the duty of the Annotator of each chapter to furnish to the editor on the first of each year a list of all men initiated during the preceding year. If these reports were to be sent in on the day named several months would still remain before commencement, and probably no record of the persons initiated during that period would be obtained. The editor has, therefore, considered it best to delay sending out the blanks until later in the year. This was done last year with the sanction of the Triumvirs, and the result was admirable. Blanks have been mailed to the Tribune of each chapter; a list of the Annotators not being at hand. It is the intention that these blanks be filled out the last thing before leaving for vacation. By doing this we will have a complete record for the entire year. And please bear in mind that the "year" does not mean 1897, but refers to the school year 1896-'97. Last year the editor compared the reports with the chapter letters and found that several of the Annotators had included only the initiates of the current calendar year. If any initiations occur after the report shall have been made, kindly send a supplemental report to that effect.

THE TWENTY-THIRD GRAND CHAPTER.

The Grand Council has decided that the Grand Chapter shall assemble at Nashville for a four days' convention, beginning Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of August. There has been a demand for some time for a Southern convention, and the presence of the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition makes Nashville a peculiarly available place at this time. Owing to the large amount of business to come before the convention, among other things, the report of the committee on constitutional revision, it was thought necessary that the convention hold a four days' session.

At this time it is impossible to give any idea as to the arrangements, but it can easily be foreseen that the twenty-third convention is going to be one of the most important, and the best attended, in our history. The various chapters have interested themselves in the proposed constitution, especially in the provisions as to extension and incorporation, so that their delegates will come with an intelligent idea of the situation, and be prepared to enter into a discussion of the merits of the various matters brought to their attention.

The middle and latter part of August is the time quite generally set aside by business and professional men for their summer vacations. And it is expected that the cheap rates, consequent to the exposition,

will lead very many, who might not otherwise be present, to attend the convention. This will be our first meeting under the plan of paying delegates' expenses. While there may not be a sufficient sum in the fund to completely pay the entire expenses of delegates, yet there is a very large sum to be pro rated. So that the probabilities are that every chapter will be represented by an active member.

The exposition will afford an opportunity for a repetition of the good things of the Chicago special of 1893. Professor W. L. Dudley, one of the founders of Zeta Psi, is "Director of Affairs" of the exposition and will do everything in his power to make our visits to the "Vanity Fair" instructive and pleasant. Brother W. D. Thomas, Chi, '83, representing the local alumni, and Brother H. B. Carre, representing the Alpha Psi chapter, are preparing many other things for entertainment. Brother Dudley has had August 28th set aside by the Exposition as Sigma Chi day. We will justify the arrangement.

The chapters should use great care in selecting delegates to the convention. Many important questions are to be passed upon, and it is to be hoped that each chapter will send its best man—the man who has taken the greatest interest in, and has the broadest knowledge of, fraternity matters. And each delegate must come with the intention of spending his time at the meetings of the convention rather than with the attractions of the Midway's successor—Vanity Fair.

Letters from Alumni Chapters.

WASHINGTON ALUMNI BANQUET.

Considering the comparatively small number of Sigma Chis in Washington, their interest in the Fraternity, and the time spent in bringing about that co-operation which puts them in touch of one another, I say that Sigma Chi in Washington has as loyal a band of followers as ever had the honor to wear the White Cross. Some weeks since the members of the Alumni Association were the guests of our brother, Dr. Acker, an ever loyal Sig. At this meeting, Brother Radcliffe of Iota, who is pastor of one of the largest of our churches, was elected president of the association; several brothers were elected to membership, and all were in favor of a banquet. The following were named a committee for that purpose: President Radcliffe and Brothers Farnham, Ireland, McReynolds and Munson. As a result of the commendable efforts of the committee, the annual banquet of the Washington Association of Sigma Chi Alumni, was held on February the twenty-fourth at the Hotel Wellington, from which floated the beautiful banner of Epsilon Chapter, unfurling its bright emblems in the glaring rays of the sun. At the appointed time Sigs began to arrive, and soon the reception room was filled with a jolly lot. Every one having arrived we repaired to the banquet hall, which was very tastefully decorated in the Fraternity colors, and the Epsilon banner which graced the wall directly back of the president. The table was shaped as a Sigma Chi Cross. Brother Radcliffe opened the banquet by asking a blessing. Afterwards, as toastmaster, he made a very bright and witty address. thoroughly enjoyed by all; and in calling on the speakers preceded their remarks with pertinent quotations from the bible.

A printed list of songs were given each brother, and we alternated between oratory and music. Brother Bradley, with his banjo, led the singing, and all joined in with a will. After the toasts had been responded to, Brother Ireland entertained us with his ever welcome stock of stories, and others also participated in the merriment of the evening. We had with us several visiting brothers, and also Dr. Farnham, one of the charter members of Epsilon Chapter. Every one expressed himself as having had an exceptionally good time, and the banquet was a pronounced success. Letters of regrets were received from ex-President Cleveland, F. A. Scratchley, president of the New York Alumni, A. Bernard, chancellor, and Henry H. Ricketts of Baltimore, A. P.

Willis of Philadelphia, and the Honorable Reginald Fendall. Following is a list of the toasts and the speakers:

Toastmaster, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D. D. "Epsilon Chapter," Frank L. Biscoe; "Sigs at the Bar," George H. Gorman; "Sigs in the Pulpit," Rev. S. P. Dillon; "Sigs in Medicine," Dr. Joseph C. Bloodgood; "The White Cross," Rev. E. Hez Swem; "Our Alumni," A. B. Duvall; "Our Visiting Brothers," Thos. R. Field. Among those present were: G. N. Acker, Theta; E. H. Fowler, Epsilon Epsilon; W. J. Acker, Theta; G. H. Gorman, Psi; O. E. Bailey, Phi Phi; W. P. Hay, Psi; J. C. Bloodgood, Alpha Lambda; S. R. Ireland, Omicron Omicron; A. Y. Bradley, Epsilon; R. A. Linke, Alpha Omicron; T. E. Connell, Phi Phi; Reginald Munson, Beta; E. H. Connell, Phi Phi; W. A. Mitchell, Alpha Tau; Reginald Davis, Epsilon; T. W. Noyes, Epsilon; S. P. Dillon, Chi; Wallace Radcliffe, Iota; A. B. Duvall, Epsilon; F. W. McReynolds, Delta Chi; G. L. Edmunds, Epsilon; E. Hez Swem, Xi; W. H. Evans, Delta Chi; J. D. Thomas, Psi; Robert Farnham, Epsilon; E. L. Thompkins, Psi; T. R. Field, Phi Phi; C. R. Unger, Omicron.

Active chapter: F. L. Biscoe, C. D. Croissant, F. N. Everett, H. C. Coburn, E. K. Cutter, W. L. Farnham. Frank Lee Biscoe. Washington, D. C., March 10, 1897.

THE PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI CHAPTER.

On Saturday evening, April 3d, we held our fifth annual dinner. Although the attendance was not so great as we expected, considering the number of invitations issued, yet those who did turn out (being less than thirty) seemed to enjoy the occasion thoroughly. Much credit is due to the Phi Phi chapter of the University of Pennsylvania, it being represented by so many, which added to the enthusiasm and success of the dinner. After the courses were completed and cigars were passed, we were ready to be amused by short speeches, funny stories, and good songs, and they were indeed plentiful. The committee were delighted with the result of their efforts.

Now, since the Phi Phi chapter, although it is a year old, and undoubtedly the strongest chapter at the University, it has encouraged the Alumni chapter in its struggle; in fact, aided us in keeping on our feet. We also have reciprocated in many ways, to the best of our ability, so that by the time another year rolls around, and with the united efforts of both chapters, we will be able to demonstrate to the Fraternity of Sigma Chi that Philadelphia is able to produce as much frater-

nal spirit as any section represented. We will then give a rousing joint banquet.

Dr. S. L. Ziegler, who acted as toastmaster, called on the following men for their respective toasts: Dr. E. E. Montgomery, "Medicine"; George L. Megargee, "University Crew"; O. E. B. Bailey, "Phi Phi Chapter"; Hon. Ward R. Bliss, "Sigma Chi vs. Politics"; George McAvoy, "Athletics." Speeches were also made by Dr. S. L. Ziegler, A. P. Willis, William Arrison, I. A. Shirmer, Thomas Field, Dr. Mc-Masters, C. B. Parker, Dr. J. J. Taylor, Theo. Connell. Those present were: F. N. Weidner, Dr. E. E. Montgomery, Dr. S. L. Ziegler, A. P. Willis, William Arrison, I. A. Shimer, George L. Megargee, O. E. B. Bailey, Eugene A. Smith, Fred Awl, Thomas Field, Richard Field, E. I. Smith, Dr. McMasters, C. B. Parker, Hon. Ward R. Bliss, Dr. J. J. Taylor, George L. McAvoy, Theo. Connell, E. J. Connell, Frederick Dale; J. N. Risley, V. S. Anderson. V. S. Anderson, Cor. Sec'y. Philadelphia, Pa., May 1, 1897.

Letters from Active Chapters.

FIRST PROVINCE.

THETA-GETTYSBURG COLLEGE.

Theta chapter regrets to announce the loss of Brothers Munro and Fredericks, both of the preparatory department, who have left college: the latter to enter a business college, and the former—well, it's hard to say just what he will do, but we hope to have him with us again before many days. No new men have been initiated, but two have been pledged and will be initiated during commencement week. We are very proud of them. They are members of the preparatory department, but one will be admitted to the college in the fall. The other is a member of the class of '02, and will probably not be initiated until he has concluded his course in the "prep." since Theta is beginning seriously to doubt the advisability of initiating "preps." We have worked for the former of these men for some time, but he, by the wish of his parents, had held off from any definite pledge until lately. He has been bid for hard by other fraternities, and is a man whom Sigma Chi may be proud to honor with her beautiful white cross. Our second pledged man has a number of relatives in the Fraternity, and were it not for our resolution with regard to "prep." initiations, he would be badged shortly, but for this reason we expect to wait.

Indications for next year are very favorable, and we hope to be able to give more definite news as to our progress in our next letter. We are aiming at having a large reunion at commencement.

During the winter the chapter was invited to spend an evening at the home of Miss Amelia Hines of New Oxford, who has many times proven herself a true friend of Sigma Chi. This occurred during sleighing time, and, of course, we had to go in a sleigh. Brother Keith ordered the rig, and told all the boys to be on hand promptly at six, so that they wouldn't delay matters. You may be sure they were all there, and so was "Whitie" Keith, but no sleigh. According to his orders we were to meet in front of the barber shop—a well-known loafing place and there for more than an hour we waited, freezing and guying Brother Keith. At last the sleigh swings round the corner, and all pile in. It was glorious sleighing, and before long we had all forgiven Brother Keith, and even he was beginning to warm to the occasion when, just as we crossed the railroad track, the back runner broke. You all know that New Oxford is ten miles from Gettysburg, and the railroad track only a few miles out from Gettysburg. But there we were with a broken sleigh. We knew that there was something good waiting for us at the long end of the road, and only the dull monotony of our rooms at the short one. When were Sigs known to fail with the prospect of a good time in sight? So out we jumped and began trudging along the road, the horses dragging the empty and broken sleigh. Mile after mile we covered, stopping at farm houses in the vain effort to get another sleigh, "borrowing" a little heat when we were pretty nearly stiff, at a place where they seemed to regard us as "just escaped," until at last Brother Keith did manage to get a little sled from "an old friend of his." It was about four feet by six, and into it nine fellows were supposed to squeeze. But we got there at last, and had a royal good time, and though we had to stay over night, "Uncle Harry" made it ever so pleasant for us in his bachelor hall, across the way. It was a jolly trip after all, and one that none of us (since it is all over) would wish different. Brother Keith is open to engagements to manage sleigh-rides, and will be glad to communicate with Sigs especially. We give him this advertisement free.

Gettysburg won the first base-ball game of the season from Baltimore City College, on April 24th. Brother Dale, '00, played second and distinguished himself by batting the first home run of the year. Brother Leisenring, '97, played first. Brother Dale carried off several prizes in the recent athletic contests here. Brother Sawyer, '00, has been elected captain of the "freshman base-ball team."

A weekly college paper—The Gettysburgian—has made its appearance since our last letter, and is making a very successful beginning. Theta is represented on its editorial staff by Brother Dale.

Commencement will occur early this year—on June 3d. Sigma Chi will have the valedictory.

With greetings to all Sigma Chis.

HENRY WOLF BIKLE.

Gettysburg, Pa., April 29, 1897.

KAPPA-BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter we have pledged William Marsh and John Goodman, both of excellent Lewisburg families. The latter is a son of George W. Goodman, Kappa, '71.

The Orange and Blue, a weekly paper, is being published by representatives from the fraternities and classes.

Brother Mackey, ex-'89, of Altoona, paid us a short visit recently. Brother Mackey distinguished himself during his college days in amateur theatricals.

Our relay team, contesting with Dickinson, Franklin and Marshall, and Gettysburg, won the race at the relay carnival, at the University of Pennsylvania. Each of the runners was presented a beautiful gold watch, together with a silk banner, as a college trophy. Our baseball team has played three games, defeating Milton league team and the Watsontown nine. The third game was played with Lafayette, in which we were defeated, 9-0. We consider this a very creditable showing, as Lafayette is, no doubt, the strongest college nine in the State. Brother Barclay, ex-Kappa, catches for that team.

Brother Kress, being called to his home, in Memphis, Tenn., recently paid a visit to the Sigs of Alpha Psi chapter, and reports them excellent fellows.

HARRY THORNTON.

Lewisburgh, Pa., May 3, 1897.

PHI PHI-UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Since our last letter the following have been initiated: Theodore E. Connell, '99; Ezra Hoyt Connell, '98, of Scranton, Pa.; J. Norman Risley, '99, of Philadelphia, and Clifford B. Parker, '98, of Pittsburg, Pa. We think that in securing these men we were very fortunate, as they were hard rushed by the other fraternities. Brothers Connell are the sons of Congressman Connell of Scranton. Brother Risley is the son of the renowned Philadelphia opthalmologist. Brother Parker is the son of Judge Thomas S. Parker, Omicron, '59, and a nephew of Dr. Joseph B. Parker, Omicron, '60, of the U. S. cruiser Charleston.

Brother E. D. Mitchell, Jr., was recently elected president of the Houston Club, which is considered the highest honor within the gift of the student body. He was also elected vice-president of the Historical Society. Brother Parker was elected secretary of the Penrose Society, of the executive committee of which Brother Campbell is a member.

Our base-ball team is much stronger this year than it was thought would be the case. We have met defeat but once this season, and that time by Georgia University, a team composed mainly of ex-leaguers. We have defeated University of Virginia, University of North Carolina, University of Vermont, Johns-Hopkins, Lehigh, and the Indians. Phi Phi is represented on the team by Brother Houston as center field.

We lose this year, by graduation, Brothers Shimer, Robert Mitchell and Willett Hughes. Their graduation is a source of deep regret to us, as their good advice and kindly words will be sadly missed.

At the relay races, held here last Saturday, we had the pleasure of meeting quite a number of Sigs, prominent among whom were Brothers Barclay of Lafayette, Biscoe of Epsilon, and Boston, Bolser and Thayer of Eta Eta. We were very sorry that their stay was such a short one.

Besides the brothers mentioned above we have received visits from Graham, Alpha Theta, '99; Guie, Kappa, '97, and Young, Alpha Phi, '95. We would be pleased to greet any visiting Sigs who may be wandering around Philadelphia.

ORVILLE E. BAILEY.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 30, 1897.

ALPHA CHI-PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

We were much disappointed not to see our chapter letter in the last QUARTERLY, as it was sent in plenty of time, but must have been mislaid by the editor.

Our base-ball team started the season with strong fielding; but being weak in pitchers and batting, we have been unable to add many victories to our list. Our manager, Brother Davis, is confident of remedying this weakness and making a good season. The games with Princeton and University of Pennsylvania were as good as could be expected. The track team is unusually strong this spring and expects to make a good showing in the State inter-collegiate contest, at Swathmore. We will also enter several men in the American inter-collegiate, though we do not expect to win much, but wish only to show the people that we are still alive. The relay team won easily in their class at the University of Pennsylvania relay races.

A series of dances given by the senior class has been very well attended, and especially so by the Sigs.

Several committees from the House of Representatives have visited the College to make an investigation as to the amount of appropriation necessary to erect a new building and to repair some of the old ones.

The battalion received an invitation to attend the unveiling of Washington's monument at Philadelphia on the 15th of May; but owing to the poor connections in transportation it was decided not to attend.

We have been working hard among the preparatory students and have one pledged and several more about pledged.

State College, Pa., May 6, 1897.

W. S. MONTGOMERY.

SECOND PROVINCE.

ZETA-WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

A new president has been elected to fill the place of our former president, Gen. G. W. C. Lee. Early in March we received the news that ex-Postmaster-General Wilson had accepted the position. His installation will take place on the 1st of July.

Our base-ball team is about as strong as usual; seven of the men having been playing on the team for three years—our catcher and one fielder being the only new men. Brother Snyder still retains his position at first. He plays a very sure game, rarely making an error, and has struck out but twice in the three seasons he has played on the college team.

The Harry Lees and Albert Sidneys, the two boat crews, have gone on the river. The annual regatta, on Commencement Monday, is the feature of our finals. For days beforehand red flags and blue are seen flying from every house; and old George Washington, who stands as sentinel over the main building, is likely to receive several coats of nice, fresh paint before the victorious crew goes under the line.

We have received quite a severe loss this spring. Brother Fitzhugh was taken with that unpoetic malady, the measles, and after his recovery his eyes were in such a condition as to make study impossible, so he left college. Later on Brother Hamilton had to leave on account of his father's death. We hope to have them both with us again next year.

Zeta is heartily opposed to the extension clause in the proposed constitution. We are also opposed to incorporation of the Fraternity; we can't see what we want to "sue and be sued" for. Either one costs money.

Brother Tucker has been elected one of the board of editors of Calyx, our annual. This volume of the Calyx promises to be the best

one we have yet had. We are well represented on the glee and banjo clubs; Brother Snyder plays the mandolin in the banjo club, and Brothers Snyder, Tucker and Houston are on the glee club. The clubs expect to give their initial performance in Lexington on May 15th.

Washington and Lee seems to be becoming the mother of many fraternities. Southern Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma Kappa (which was absorbed by Phi Delta Theta), and Phi Theta Psi (absorbed by Delta Tau Delta), have had their origin here. Now we have a new one to introduce. Mu Pi Lambda appeared on the campus in the spring of '96, and though but yet tender in years she has chapters at most of the leading institutions—North, South, East and West; and who knows but what it may become one of the great national fraternities if given but a decade of existence.

GORDON RANDOLPH HOUSTON.

Lexington, Va., May 4, 1897.

TAU-ROANOKE COLLEGE.

Once again Tau sends greetings to her sister chapters. A little more than a year ago all of Tau's members were inexperienced as fraternity men, but each one has taken hold of the work with such enthusiasm that now every member realizes his position in the fraternity world. Since the reinstallment of our chapter the fraternity spirit has never lagged; not once have we been idle, but have watched incessantly for any we might deem worthy of wearing the White Cross. As a result of our vigilance we take pleasure in introducing Brothers J. M. Hamilton, Lisbon, O., and R. S. Griffith, Westmoreland County, Va.

Roanoke's base-ball team for this season is strong and well organized. We are represented on the team by Brother Thompson, who has done some very effective pitching, and Brother Boogher, who has deservedly been called our best fielder. The latter is also captain of the track team, which had its annual exhibition on May 8th. Several of the college's former records were broken. Brother Eagle won the rooyards dash in 10% seconds. (Brother Boogher holds the record of the college, having made it in 10% seconds.)

It was with much regret that we parted with Brother Reynaud, who went home to attend the Mardi Gras carnival, and who has not returned. He is at present at his home, in New Orleans, and will probably attend college somewhere next session.

We are glad to have back with us Brother Minor Wiley, who is practicing medicine in Salem. We were also much pleased to have with us for a few days Brother C. P. Wiley, of New York city.

With best wishes to all chapters and individuals in Sigma Chi. Salem, Va., May 1, 1897. Wm. A. Brown.

PSI-UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Since our last letter to the QUARTERLY we have initiated Henry Ormond Schoolfield, of Danville, Pa., and E. Wiley Moore, of Chester, S. C., who did yeoman service at left tackle on the Varsity eleven last fall. We take pleasure in introducing them. This addition makes our chapter roll now number fourteen, and as most of these expect to return next session, Psi has every reason to hope for a bright future.

Life at the University this spring has been, if not gay, at least very pleasant. Our base-ball team, under the efficient management of Brother Trinkle, has thus far had a very successful season, and we feel sure that we will be able to chronicle in our next many victories of the orange and blue in the northern trip. We will not attempt to give the scores of all our games this year, but among others we have defeated University of North Carolina and Yale. We are especially proud of the latter, inasmuch as it is the first time Virginia has ever downed old Eli. Sigma Chi is well represented upon the team in the person of Brother Martin, who looks after the right garden.

The past (Easter) week has been all that any devotee of terpsichore could desire. There were four germans in succession, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, which, together with base-ball games, etc., in the day, have caused many an ignominious "cork" during the week. On last Wednesday night, at the Jefferson Auditorium, the V. V. Dramatic Club of the University presented to a crowded house "The Flirt," an operatic burlesque, written by a former student of this institution. It was a decided success, so much so that they speak of repeating it in Lynchburg, Va., May 8th.

We were glad to meet Brother Barclay when Lafayette played us in Charlottesville recently. His playing at catch was of a high order and elicited much applause.

With best wishes to all Sigma Chis.

S. H. WATTS.

Charlottesville, Va., April 25, 1897.

GAMMA GAMMA-RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

The chapter will close the year with only the most pleasant recollections. Despite the smallness of our numbers, we have a great deal to rejoice over. Life at the College has probably never been so entirely enjoyable and so full of interest as it has been this year. The college circle has been stirring with life since last September. The base-ball team has recently disbanded after a successful season, not only from the standpoint of the sportsman, but also, what is more unusual, financially.

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Games were played with Roanoke, Fredericksburg, Hampden-Sidney, Williams and Mary, Virginia Military Institute, Washington and Lee, University of Maryland, Johns-Hopkins, and Richmond Medical College. Besides these there were a number of games with the Second Team. A pleasant feature of the season has been the fraternity games, when colors and yells were as much a feature as three-baggers and home runs—probably greater ones!

The glee and banjo club gave a very superior concert recently. We are represented by Southall and Owens. The second-half has been a gala season for the social element. There has been a succession of entertainments since Easter that has surpassed anything known in Ashland for years. The two brilliant promenade concerts, lately given by the literary societies, probably brought out the largest crowd, of not only the younger set, but more official society. Field day is another event which will long be remembered in college annals. All the records were good, and several previous records were broken. The attendance was immense, as usual, and the weather fine. Altogether, every Randolph-Macon man will look on the session of '96-'97 as one of the pleasantest he has spent while in the college.

We have had the pleasure of entertaining two Sigs—Benjamin R. Arnold, late of Johns-Hopkins University, now a professor in McCabe's School (in Richmond), but still a loyal Randolph-Maconite, sees us at intervals, which we wish were shorter; Thompson, of Tau, came down with his team to pitch for them, and, incidentally, to let us see what sort of fellows those Tau people are, anyway. To say we are entirely satisfied with Tau does not express it.

Best wishes to all the chapters.

A. H. LICKLIDER.

Ashland, Va., May 10, 1897.

SIGMA SIGMA—HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

Very few things have transpired in fraternity life at Hampden-Sidney since our last letter which would be of interest. Sigma Sigma has added no names to her roll, but has lost one of her best men by the departure of Brother S. E. Reed for his home in Texas. Brother Reed grew tired of college life and decided to take a short rest. We hope to have him with us again next fall.

Hampden-Sidney is pushing forward in athletics, as is proved by the interest taken in our base-ball team. Although we have won only one of our five games, we are not in the least discouraged, for all the games were hotly contested. Brother D. T. Stuart has been elected captain of our next year's foot-ball team, and this means that we will have a

team inferior to none in the state, for he has some fine material to choose from. Our next year's base-ball captain has not been elected as yet, but Brother Herndon will doubtless obtain this position, as he is the best player on the team.

Our examinations are very near, and for this reason college life is rather dull just at present. We will have our full quota of representatives in the commencement exercises. Sigma Sigma wishes her sister chapters the best of success.

S. M. Mason.

Hampden-Sidney, Va., May 3, 1897.

ALPHA TAU-UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Although we have no new men to introduce in this letter, Alpha Tau has been pushing forward, always ready and eager to lend a hand in advancing the interests of Sigma Chi.

With the advent of the base-ball season we have had the pleasure of giving the grip to several "Sigs" who came with the different teams. From Virginia, Trinkle, manager, and Martin, right field; Lafayette, Geo. Barclay, captain; Pennsylvania, Houston, centre field; Lehigh, Reed, centre field. We regret that the brothers had to make such short visits, but we certainly enjoyed having them with us. After meeting such a fine set of fellows and getting a glimpse of Sigma Chi elsewhere we exclaim, with one accord, "In hoc signo vinces," realizing that we belong to a strong, progressive order, a fraternity in spirit as well as in name.

The base ball season is at its height here now. Our old rival, the University of Virginia, defeated us in the first game of a series of three by a score of 7 to 6. We have won from Lafayette and Wake Forest and tied Lehigh one game. We have lost to Yale, Pennsylvania and Princeton. Brother Roy Williams is making quite a record in the box. He is one of our best pitchers and ably fills the same position that Brother Fred Pearsall held last year.

We have not heard yet where the Grand Chapter will be held this summer. Alpha Tau hopes to be represented.

We look forward with much pleasure for each issue of the QUARTERLY. It certainly compares favorably with the publication of any fraternity, and reflects much credit on its management.

We are already making our plans for next session. Although several of our present members will not return, we have good prospects for a fine chapter.

Brother Ed. Wood was recently elected chief marshal for the coming

commencement. This is the most important of all the commencement offices, and no doubt Brother Wood will make an efficient chief.

We enjoyed a visit during this term from Brother R. E. Caldwell, an alumnus of Sigma Sigma and a loyal Knight of the White Cross. He is minister of the Presbyterian Church of Winston, N. C.

Alpha Tau wishes abundant success to all the sister chapters and Sigs everywhere.

George Kirby.

Chapel Hill, N. C., April 25, 1897.

THIRD PROVINCE.

ALPHA-MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

Alpha has again passed through the pleasures of moving, and is now comfortably installed in her new home on Walnut street, half a square from the 'varsity campus. The house is modern in every respect, and gives us a most pleasant home. We have newly furnished it, and now have the finest chapter house at Miami. (Others admit this fact, so we feel safe in stating it.) Here in our new home we will be pleased to welcome any Sigma Chi who may chance our way.

The first day of the spring term was a red letter day for old Miami and also for Alpha. The occasion was the second annual contest of the Ohio State Oratorical Association, which was held here April 8th. the state contest last year Miami took first place, her victorious representative being Brother Alvin K. Stabler, '99. This year Miami again called upon Alpha to represent her in the person of Brother Earl H. Watt, '97, and he proved himself worthy of the trust by winning first place by a big margin. Most chapters would have been satisfied with this distinction, but Alpha was again to be honored at the business session, the day after the contest, at which Brother G. W. Sullenberger, '99, was elected president of the state association for the coming year. We now have within our ranks the president of the Ohio State Oratorical Association and the president of the Ohio Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and the winner of the state oratorical contest. As we hold more than our share of the local offices and honors, we feel that we are easily on top at Miami. Can any of the younger chapters excel the record set by the parent chapter?

In social circles we are holding our own. Since our last letter we have given a "smoker" to Kappa chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon. On this occasion we had the pleasure of entertaining, besides our friends of D. K. E., the executive committee of the Ohio State Oratorical Association, and other friends from town and 'varsity. Next month we will

give our annual reception to the Sig girls of Oxford College and the Western College. We hope to surpass all previous efforts on this occasion and to make it the event of the year.

Since our last letter we have introduced to our "billy" three men, all fine fellows, and men of whom we are proud. We take great pleasure in introducing Charles Flint Kline, '99, of Portsmouth, Ohio; Claude DeWitt Wilson, '00, of Hamilton, Ohio; and Granville Barrere, '00, of Hillsboro, Ohio. It is with great sorrow that we announce that Brother Arthur C. Mortland, '99, has been compelled to leave us by the death of his father. Brother Mortland was one of the most popular men in college, and will be greatly missed by the students and by the chapter. He was captain of the base-ball nine this spring, and his departure has weakened the team a great deal. Our sympathy goes out to him in his misfortune, and he has our best wishes for his success.

The prospects for a good base-ball team were poor after the departure of Captain Mortland, but are now much brighter. We are represented on the team by Manager Watt, second-baseman Murphy, pitcher Fowler, and third-baseman Hayner (pledged).

In the past few months we have had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers Eagen and Fenton, of Alpha, now of the University of Michigan. They gave us glowing accounts of Theta Theta, and we feel that we are worthily represented at Ann Arbor. Besides these we have entertained Brothers Stabler, MacMillan, Stubbs, Stevenson, Hitch, Nutt and Robinson, of Alpha; Dr. C. D. Munns, of Theta Theta; Hayward, of Zeta Psi.

With best wishes for our new chapter at Chicago and hearty greetings to our new brothers in Sigma Chi.

WILL M. FOWLER.

Oxford, Ohio, April 27, 1897.

GAMMA-OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The opening of the spring term found all of Gamma's men back and ready to take their share of work to uplift the standard of the "White Cross." Since our last letter the cross has been pinned upon the breasts of two loyal Sigs. These we introduce: Brothers J. S. Thalman, 'oo, Batavia, Ohio, and S. J. Fickle, 'oo, Des Moines, Iowa. These men are already enthusiastic and promise to nobly defend the honor of the cross.

The school has been for some time in an uproar, caused by the objections of the senior class to the "old fashioned" role at commencement. They preferred to have a class day and then supplement commencement speakers by an orator of repute. The outcome was that the

faculty gained the day, and the senior class will be represented at commencement by the fifteen members who received the highest average throughout their college course. Sigma Chi will be represented.

Brother Gurley says our college annual will be out about the middle of May. It promises to be the best ever published in the school. Brother Fickle did most of the sketch work, and it is indeed commendable.

Our ball team promises to be a winner. We have had two games so far. Otterbein carried home a score of 17 to 7 in our favor, and Wittenburg danced to the tune of 27 to 7 in our favor. At first much fraternity spirit was shown upon the team, but by request of the students it was squelched by the manager and the executive committee.

Our outlook for tennis is good. Brother Brockway, our representative who carried off honors last year, says the prospects are brighter this year than ever.

We wish to acknowledge visits from Brother McCann, of Dayton, an alumnus of Mu chapter; he is indeed an enthusiastic Sig and a valuable alumnus. Also, from Brother F. H. Yost, '97, Mu Mu; he is of football fame, and our hopes are that he will coach our team next fall, yet the indications are that we will be disappointed. Congratulations to the lucky team. Brother H. C. Crawford, Gamma, '96, paid us one of his periodical visits. We are always glad to see him; nor are we alone, either—one of our fair sisters! We say no more. Brother C. W. Linebaugh, Gamma, ex-'99, was with us a few days and expressed his intention of returning to college next fall.

We are now busy with preparations for our annual picnic, which comes off May 22d. This is the event of the year in fraternity circles, and we intend this year, as ever before, to eclipse any display made by our friends.

We extend our greetings to all sister chapters and especially to those who are still in their infancy. These have our best wishes of the success which shall surely attend devotion to the White Cross.

Our hospitality is open to any and all Sigs who chance our way. Look us up.

H. A. Cosler.

Delaware, Ohio, April 29, 1897.

MU-DENISON UNIVERSITY.

The opening of the spring term finds Denison unusually active in many ways. Athletics, which almost died out on account of mismanagement during the past, have been given a new impetus, and everything indicates a successful year. A new association, under a board of con-

trol, has been formed. This board consists of six members. Mu is represented by Brother McCann, of Dayton, and the writer. Brother Colby was elected president of the association; Brother Wiltsee, manager of the ball team, and Brother Canby manager of the foot-ball team. Brother Wiltsee will hold down first base on the ball team. New athletic grounds have been purchased and will be dedicated May 8th, when we play Otterbein. Our track team is hard at work training for the state meet, which is held in Columbus on Decoration Day.

Denison had the honor of electing the president of the State Oratorical Association for the coming year. This honor comes to us but once in every ten years. We have had it only twice, and Sigs have carried off the honor both times. Brother Frank Morse held it before and Brother Massie holds it now.

In a social way the schools have been quite lively. The two "sems" have entertained elaborately during the winter term, and Mu was always well represented.

The military companies are preparing to go into camp at the historic "Old Fort," near Newark, Ohio.

Brother H. E. Amos, of Cambridge, made us a short visit last month.

We hope to meet some Sigs on the diamond this spring and renew acquaintances.

HARRY W. Amos.

Granville, Ohio, May 3, 1897.

ZETA ZETA-CENTRE COLLEGE.

As the end of the last term draws near Zeta Zeta can look back with no little pride on the successes which have attended her efforts during the past year. While our number is smaller than heretofore, we have that easy consciousness of complete satisfaction which makes us happy. The past term has been an uneventful one, and nothing of special interest has occurred. A movement was started to "hold off" on "spiking" for two months at the beginning of each college year, but was abandoned in very short order. We had no desire to enter into any such agreement, which theoretically would be a success, but at Centre College its practice would be a dismal failure. Of the four fraternities here, two were in favor of and two were opposed to it.

The prospects of the chapter for next year are brighter than for several years past. We have several "pledges" who will enter the college next fall; they are all good men and well qualified to wear the White Cross.

In our last letter we expressed a hope that we would be able to introduce an initiate. Our hopes were not in vain, and we take pleasure

in presenting Hubert Gibson Shearin, of Danville. Brother Shearin for three years has been opposed to all Greek letter societies, and in winning this victory and getting a man who has been the prize man of his class ever since entering college Zeta Zeta has scored a big victory. Brother Shearin is a hard and close student, a clever gentleman of the highest type, and a leader in the college; he cannot but add new glory to our record.

It's the same old story as regards old Centre's position in athletics in the middle South. We have a fine base-ball team, and in the intercollegiate league have a percentage of 1,000, having won the first four games played. We have defeated our strongest opponents, and hope to finish the season without a single defeat. Brother Van Winkle holds down third base in his incomparable style, and Brother E. F. McElroy gives promise of becoming a first-class pitcher. We will send a track team to the National Athletic Carnival at Chicago next month. The boys are training hard and expect to make a great showing. Brother Shearin and E. F. McElroy are among the stars of the team.

We enjoyed a visit from Brother Henry, Alpha Psi, last week. He was touring the state on his wheel.

Zeta Zeta sends best wishes to all sister chapters.

Danville, Ky., April 29, 1897.

CARL MCKNIGHT.

ZETA PSI-UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

This month finds the brothers of Zeta Psi studying hard for examinations, which they hope to pass. For some, they mean separation from us; we are going to lose Brothers Reynolds, McAvoy, Richards, Murray and Hitch, Alpha, ex-'97, but we know that, although not in the active chapter, they will always be with us with their aid and advice. Brother Wener will be a senior next year, and the only Sig in his class. Brother Stuart, '99, has left school on account of ill health. Brother Wilson has gone to study law with his father, Judge Moses Wilson. Brother Shinkle has also left school.

There are a number of Sigs in the University law school—Brothers Stephenson, McAvoy, Hitch, Frank Pattison, Brookfield (the last two from Delaware), Salmon, Swing, and the writer. In the Cincinnati Law School are Brothers Melish, Murray, Southgaite, James Richards and Berry. In the Dental College are Brothers Kemper, who graduated with high honors, and Ratcliffe. Brother Henry Nichols graduated this year at Miami Medical College.

Brother Harper returned from New York a short time ago, where he saw Brother McClean safely caught in the toils of matrimony. Brother

McClean says that it's the only thing. It is rumored that Brother L. A. Ireton, also, is to be married soon. Brother Diehl has left the law, and is in business with his father.

Our base-ball team opened the season last week with a fair sprinkling of Sigs—Brothers Salmon, at first-base, Swing left-field, and Brookfield in the box; Brother McAvoy is the manager.

Wishing all success to Zeta Psi's sister chapters.

Cincinnati, O., May 12, 1897.

PHILIP HAYWARD.

MU MU-WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

Last week Brother Yost returned from a much enjoyed trip through Ohio. He made visits to the chapters at Ohio Wesleyan and Ohio State Universities, and speaks with appreciation of the true Sig incomparable hospitality tendered him by Gamma and Alpha Gamma.

The student mind is now filled with excitement over base-ball affairs. After several weeks of animated competitive practice the first team men have been selected, and are working steadily and more than satisfactorily, which bespeaks that our enthusiasm will not be vain and that the old gold and blue will be gloriously sustained in the coming games. The teams to play at this place are: W. U. P., May 8; Bethany, May 12; Allegheny College, May 29; and Washington and Jefferson, June 9. Our chapter has but few base-ball men, and must lie somewhat idly in the field of athletics till fall, when again she will display her foot-ball gems.

With the usual activity searches and researches are being made for good Sig material, but with the exception of one splendid fellow the chapter has made no selections in addition to the pledges mentioned in the last letter, who in numbers will no more than fill the vacancies made by the much regretted departure of our seniors.

A series of excellent lectures on the choice of a profession are being delivered by the members of our faculty at the Episcopal Hall, which is under the supervision of Rev. Sheerin, one of our alumni brethren.

Six fraternities now have chapters in the school, three of them having been installed since January. The three are: Phi Kapp Sigma, Jan. 15, had ten charter members; Kapp Alpha, March 11, had nine charter members; and Alpha Lex Omega, exclusively a law fraternity, March 13, had nine charter members. Mu Mu wishes them success, and considers the higher the general standing of the fraternities of the college the more perfectly satellitious will be their orbits to that of the centripetal Sigma Chi.

With best wishes to all the chapters. Morgantown, W. Va., April 30, 1897. B. F. SHUTTLEWORTH.



ALPHA GAMMA-UNIVERSITY OF OHIO.

Here we are again, healthy and smiling, with ten wearers of the White Cross, three of them law students, which is rather a new departure for Alpha Gamma. There have been five additions made to the chapter since our last letter. The first two were Brothers William Dakin, '98, of Sabina, Ohio, and Walter M. Fickes, of Steubenville, Ohio, who were initiated together in March. Next came Brother Emmet Lacey, '99, of the Seventeenth U. S. Infantry, now stationed at Columbus Barracks. Last comes Brother John Lindsay, '99, who became one of us on April 17. Another fraternity had almost succeeded in capturing him, but the Sigs, as usual, came out victors. Brother George N. Barrere, '99, who was initiated by Beta (?) in 1891, is a law student, as are also Brothers Lacey and Dakin.

Our members take an enthusiastic interest in the work of the chapter, as do likewise a goodly number of our alumni, of whom there are about fifty in the city. Several of them are almost as regular in their attendance at meetings as any of the active members, and have been of great service to us by giving us the benefit of their suggestions and experience.

It is very natural that the condition and standing of a school should have more or less influence upon its fraternity chapters, and as O. S. U. is far and away superior in all respects to any institution of its kind in Ohio, so are its loyal Greeks "the only pebbles on the beach." Three new buildings are in course of erection, and will probably be finished during this coming summer.

We consider our prospects for next year better than ever before and regard our chapter as in a flourishing condition.

If the saying, "Well begun is half done," has anything in it, our start in the base-ball season assures us a high standing at the end of the year. Only a few games have thus far been played, but we have not lost a single one, our most conspicuous victory being over the University of Michigan with a score of 12 to 11.

We can't promise to give any Bradley-Martin balls, but to all Sigs throughout this broad and beautiful land of ours we cordially extend the right hand of fellowship, and will deem it a great privilege if they will give Alpha Gamma an opportunity to show what she can do in the way of entertaining.

GEO. V. BARRERE.

Columbus, Ohio, April 29, 1897.

FOURTH PROVINCE.

LAMBDA-INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter in the QUARTERLY nothing has transpired within Lambda chapter to disturb her equanimity or to elicit any special report. No new men have been initiated since the first of the year, and our number has been decreased to twenty by the inability of Brothers Kline and Pugh to return. Brother Applewhite, of Chi, returned to Hanover this term.

Eight of the brothers, viz., King, Van Buskirk, Halstead, Maltby, Heyn, Weaver, Atkinson and Geis, attended the Provincial Convention at Xi, on the 13th and 14th inst.; Brother Geis was Lambda's delegate. Xi's welcome and hospitality were of the true Sigma Chi sort. The entertainment afforded the visiting brothers was greatly appreciated by Lambda brothers, who cannot praise Xi enough.

All brothers were greatly interested in the discussions of the session, particularly with regard to the constitution.

During last term, and the present one, several "socials" have been given—all up to Lambda's usual standard of "swellness."

Brother Romney Wilson is third-baseman on the I. U. base-ball team and is playing a brilliant game.

Lambda loses eight men by graduation—Brothers King, Atkinson, Van Buskirk, Betcher, Jay, Geis, Maltby and Sauber. It is probable that at least twelve men will be back next year, so that we need not fear about spiking numbers.

WILL L. HALSTEAD.

Bloomington, Ind., May 17, 1897.

XI-DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Xi has not been in a state of hibernation, even though her refreshed condition might indicate as much. The active membership remains large and is supported well by several fratres in urbe. Brother E. V. Williamson, absent for some weeks, has resumed college work and will probably remain with us during the term. There has been recently added to the chapter roll the names of C. W. Von Weisse, Greenville, Ill., and Paul Reid, Sullivan, Ind. Both men are worthy cross-bearers.

An animated interest is being manifested in athletics. There are several candidates for this work, and there are with us the Castleman twins, who figured so prominently in the dashes last spring, and of whom we have just reasons to expect much this spring. We are represented on the ball field and also in the glee and mandolin clubs. Brother A. J. Hamrick, who served so efficiently last year as foot-ball manager,

has been re-elected to that office. Brother J. C. Castleman holds the managership of track team.

Much preparation is being made for the fourth provincial convention to be held here May 13 and 14. At this date a complete programme can not be given, save to say that nothing short of a grand success will satisfy expectations.

Smiles of approval have been elicited from our fairer supporters by elaborate repairs, furnishings, and decorations in the hall. Brothers N. Giotto Rogers and John D. Krewel constitute our graduates this year.

We acknowledge visits from two loyal Sig girls, representatives from Albion to the Alphi Phi convention. Praises to the loyal girls who are not afraid to wear the White Cross in a strange land!

It must not be assumed that we are too busy to entertain visiting brethren. Our rooms and our hearts are open.

Greencastle, Ind., April 28, 1897.

FRED H. COLE.

RHO-BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

The return of spring finds Rho more prosperous in every way than she has been during the past year. Although we have been very unfortunate in losing one of our number, Brother Cale, who is now studying law in Indianapolis, we have tried to make up for the deficiency by initiating into our "mysterious realm" Mr. Joe Sweeney, 'oo, son of Rev. Z. T. Sweeney, ex-Consul General to Turkey, and Mr. James Braden, son of a prominent business man of Indianapolis. Our chapter at present numbers five active and two pledged members.

On the night of the first of April Rho gave one of the swellest dances that was ever given in Irvington. The chapter and dancing halls were decorated with palms, cut flowers, and the fraternity colors, and music was furnished by Hart's orchestra. About thirty of our alumni were present and several from other chapters.

Every two weeks the Sigs give informal dances to their friends, and now that spring has fairly begun and the lawn tennis season has opened we look forward to the glorious times at our Saturday afternoon parties.

Owing to the rainy season our base-ball team has not had much chance to practice. Rho is represented by Brother Cooper at third and Brother Dyson at short. We will have four men on the track team.

Rho enjoyed a very pleasant visit from Brother Will Irvin, ex-'88, and Brother John Weaver, of Lambda. Fred Towles.

Irvington, Ind., April 25, 1897.

CHI-HANOVER COLLEGE.

Chi is glad to communicate once more with her sister chapters and is able to say, with good grace, that "all's well." Since our last letter fraternity life has been quiet, and most of our time has been spent in good, solid work. We are now making ready for our visiting brothers, who expect to be with us at commencement.

In a few weeks the dedication of the finest building in Southern Indiana—our new science hall—will take place.

Chi, with her seven loyal members, is reminded of the first seven brothers (the charter members) who upheld Sigma Chi at Hanover.

After considering the Millsaps petition we have decided that our vote ought to be emphatically in the negative.

Hanover, Ind., May 16, 1897.

A. T. SCHLEY.

DELTA DELTA-PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

The winter term at Purdue is, as a rule, uneventful, and the last has been no exception. Everything frivolous is thrown aside, so that nothing will hinder the "grinding." However, the monotony has been occasionally broken. On one of these occasions the goat was largely in evidence. As a result of his good work Brother Robert Morris Evans, 'oo, of Fort Wayne, Ind., makes his bow to Sigdom. It is customary to initiate freshmen the latter part of the spring term, but Brother Evans left us to return to his home, so matters were somewhat precipitated. We are sorry to have him leave us, but are sure he will make his mark.

The chapter expects many visitors at its spring initiation, and will endeavor not to disappoint the three pledges who will probably be full-fledged Sigs ere this letter is published. On the evening of April 23d was given a most pleasant military ball and faculty reception, at which the Sigs were—well, not absent. No military ball was given by the cadets last year, but this one was so well received that there will probably be several next season.

The chapter expects to have a large delegation at the sophomore picnic, which is held at Lake Maxinkuckie, in this State, on May 24th.

At our last meeting all future connection with the Senior Club, Skulls of Thirteen, was severed, thus anticipating the kick from headquarters concerning similar organizations.

Purdue opened the base-ball season, last Saturday, by defeating Wabash College 9-7. We hope this is only a forerunner of future victories, but are not over sanguine, as this game has always been Purdue's st umbling-block.

The Convention of the Fourth Province will be held at DePauw, the 13th and 14th of May. Delta Delta will send several men.

We are enjoying a very pleasant visit from Brother Ronald Dawson, '96, who is studying law in the office of his father, Judge Charles M. Dawson. He has kept up a very active interest in the chapter this year and has been closely in touch with us.

Your scribe has visited very recently Brother Dawson, and also Brother Greiss, '96, in Cleveland. He was charmingly entertained by both. The latter is in business for himself and is prospering. While returning home it was my pleasure to run across Brother Andrew E. Reynolds, Delta Delta, '81, who continued as far as Lafayette, where he visited the chapter in the hall. He is a royal good fellow and we hope to see him again.

Our best wishes are with all the chapters, especially the new ones. Lafayette, Ind., April 26, 1897. B. G. FERNALD.

FIFTH PROVINCE.

THETA THETA-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Theta Theta again sends greetings to all sister chapters. On account of our brief report in the last QUARTERLY perhaps a more extended review of our situation is looked for in this issue. First, let us introduce our new members—three in number—of whom we are exceedingly proud. These men possess the characteristics of gentlemen, excel in scholarship and have become hard workers for the interests of Sigma Chi. Our new brothers are, Charles La Fever, '99, Battle Creek, Mich.; Arthur Roy Wren, '98, Muskegon, Mich.; Clarence W. Whitney, '99, Traverse City, Mich. Besides these we have two fine men pledged, whose good qualities will be named later. Our active membership at present is eighteen in number, quite evenly distributed in regard to classes—one graduate, two '97, five '98, six '99 and four '00.

We are located in a frame house at No. 1 Volland street, which, for the present year, has served us very well. We do not expect to occupy the same house for the ensuing year, inasmuch as it will not hold enough men, and both in this and other respects we are handicapped by it. The all-absorbing question before the chapter at present is that of a chapter house. Brother Brumback of Toledo, trustee of Theta Theta's building fund, is pushing the matter and has been materially aided by Brother Orla B. Taylor of Detroit. The active chapter is also aiding in the matter, realizing the necessity of a house at the University of Michigan, a fraternity college second to none in the United States.

Theta Theta's chapter house is not more than a year ahead, and it is hoped that by the opening of the college, next fall, Sigma Chi may, with liberal donations by the alumni to that fund in Brother Brumback's hands, be in her own house and on an equality with the best.

In a society way we have been holding our own. At the junior hop, the largest annual society function of the University, Sigma Chi made an excellent showing, Brother Kennedy being on the reception committee. According to custom a house party was given the next night after the hop. On the night of March 6th the chapter gave an informal house warming and dinner. All the resident Sigs and those in the professional departments of the University were present. Besides these Brothers Stoneman, Webster and Taylor, of Detroit were with us. The freshman banquet was attended by the Sig freshmen with great glee. Brother Leroy Webster responded to a toast, and Brother Beuret was on the reception committee.

In different college organizations we are represented. Brother Stoneman plays on the 'Varsity mandolin and banjo clubs. He is also an editor of the *Michiganensian*, the annual college publication of the senior class. Brother Whitney is a director in the Students' Lecture Association. Brother Granger sings on the Freshman Glee Club and plays on the All-Freshman ball team. Brother Richardson covered himself with great glory by winning the cup at the annual senate trophy contest, given to the best athlete for all-around athletic work in the gymnasium. Your scribe was recently elected director in the 'Varsity athletic association.

In conclusion I may say that the fellows are growing closer together and getting more and more into the true fraternity spirit. The prospects for Theta Theta are indeed bright, and with the determination and unified action of her members she is bound to succeed and to be excelled by no fraternity in the U. of M.

ROBERT DANFORTH.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 1, 1897.

KAPPA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The personnel of Kappa Kappa has changed somewhat since the last issue of the Quarterly; four of our best men—Brothers Dixon, Coey, Means and Owens, all '98—are lost to us, for various reasons. We wish, however, to introduce the following six new Sigs, all worthy men: James Johnson, '99, and Horace C. Porter, '97, Champaign; George L. Rapp, '98, and Ralph Thompson, '99, Carbondale; Homer E. St. John and Lawrence P. Robinson, '99, Rockford. Our chapter roll now numbers seventeen active men.

Our fine new library building, just completed at a cost of \$150,000, will be dedicated early in June. Many alumni are expected to return, and Kappa Kappa intends to give a stag banquet during commencement week. The only two fraternity men on the programme for the graduation exercises are Sigma Chis. Brother Kiler will deliver the motto oration, and Brother Porter is chairman of the senior ball committee.

We are represented on the base-ball team by McGill (pledged), catcher, and Brother Joy, substitute pitcher. The season opened with six practice games with the Rockford professional team. On April 17th we met our old opponents, Chicago, and won by a score of 9-5. In the same week Michigan took a game as a gift, the Ann Arbor men getting five bases on balls and scoring six times during the first inning. Football Manager Walker has made the announcement that a game with the Carlisle Indians has been secured and will be played in Chicago, on November 20th, a fact over which all Illinois men are much elated, as other Western teams have tried hard for this game.

The financial affairs of the University are in the shape of a prize puzzle; the endowment fund and cash on hand, amounting to over half a million dollars, is involved in the failure of the defunct Globe savings bank, of which Treasurer Spalding was president. Gross mismanagement somewhere is apparent, as none of the money is at present visible to the naked eye. The University will, however, have no difficulty in paying current expenses until the next appropriation.

We are glad to acknowledge visits from Brother E. Dick Slaughter, of Alpha Nu, and Arms, Frederickson and Holston, our own alumni.

Champaign, Ill., April 21, 1897.

FRED H. WILSON.

XI XI-MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter affairs in the university have been very quiet, the only thing coming to break the monotony being the victories of our base-ball team. So far they have played three games, two against Westminster, scores 9 to 0 and 13 to 3 in our favor; and the Mexico team, score 13 to 3. On May 6 we meet Kansas at this place and hope to be successful, though it will be a hotly contested game. On the same date the interstate oratorical contest is to be held here, and we learn with pleasure of the success of Alpha Zeta, Brother Hinckley, of that chapter, being Wisconsin's representative.

We take pleasure in presenting Brothers W. B. Stewart, Mexico; Karl Hanson, Harlem; and O. E. Schultz, McFall. They are all good

men, and will reflect great honor on Sigma Chi both in and out of college.

We were pleased to have with us a short time Brother Schnedler, Alpha Alpha, ex-'94, who told us of the growing strength of Sigma Chi in the East, especially at Cornell and Hobart. We are always glad to welcome any straying Sigs, and extend an invitation to all to drop in and see us when out this way. We extend greetings to all our sister chapters, especially Omicron Omicron and Theta Theta.

Columbia, Mo., April 24, 1897.

J. D. RIPPEY.

OMICRON OMICRON-UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Here's to you, brethren! We haven't been Sigs very long, but we haven't let the grass sprout very extensively under our feet, and since our installation have done a number of things that have brought Sigma Chi into prominence at this university.

First allow me to present to the fraternity our initiates, Brothers Steigmeyer and Opitz. The latter is a full-fledged M. D., having been graduated from Rush Medical in '95. He is at present pursuing a B. S. course, and expects to continue his studies here after graduation in anatomy, bone sawing, etc. He is a brainy and royal good fellow and possessed of many sterling qualities. "Steig" is as fine a fellow as one could meet in a week's journey. He is prominent in all branches of university life, studies, socials and athletics, having been for three years on the mandolin club, author of our most famous songs, including the "John D." ditty, and captain of our track team up to a few days ago. He resigned because of the four-year competition rule in force through He holds university records in shot-put, high hurdles. the middle West. high and broad jumps, and indoor quarter mile. His loss from university athletics will be severely felt, but he will continue to represent the U. of C. in the executive committee of the Western Inter-collegiate Association. Besides acquiring these stars we have managed to carry Brother C. F. Roby, who resigned his foot-ball capa few elections. taincy because of the same four-year rule, was elected as representative of the junior college on the board of athletic control. Up to last February only the faculty were represented on this board, but a petition for student representation was granted, and at the ensuing elections Brother Roby was chosen. In the annual election of the glee and mandolin club Brother Coleman was elected president for next year. The past season of these clubs has been most successful in every particular. We were represented by Brothers Sincere as mandola and baritone soloist; Griffith, second bass; Steigmeyer, guitar; and Coleman, first tenor.

These men formed the "Cherry Sisters Quartette," which was a howling success all season. Coleman and Griffith have also been on the university choir this year.

Socially we have also held our own, turning out in goodly array to all the balls, parties and picnics on the calendar. The last of these functions was held last Saturday evening. It was an inter-frat benefit for the local oratorical association. Steigmeyer represented us on the arrangement committee. We have held a few informals at our house and found it well adapted to such purposes, and we therefore intend to lengthen the series in the near future. Our visitors' list is extensive and includes Brothers Arms, grand praetor of this province; E. Dick Slaughter, of Texas; Newman Miller, Dr. Frank Andrews, Dr. Wyllys Andrews, George C. Purdy, J. C. Nate, Myers, Frank Crozier, Kimball, Harper of Cincinnati, Burdick, Hammel, Joy, and many other prominent Chicago alumni. The recent visit of the U. of I. ball team also furnished us some guests, there being three Sigs on the team.

Speaking of base-ball, the fever has become so prevalent here that an inter-fraternity league has been organized. On paper we have the strongest team of the lot, although, as we have played no games yet because of the cold weather, our real strength is unknown. We do not, however, expect to lay down to any of the other nines.

Brother MacDonald is desirous that a note be made of the oversight which omitted his name from the list of the chapter in the last QUARTERLY.

Our course so far, although by no means an easy one, has been remarkably successful, thanks to the kindly counsel and advice we have received from the many brothers in this vicinity. To all interested in us we extend a hearty greeting and most cordial invitation to drop in on us at No. 5716 Rosalie court whenever the opportunity occurs. You can use the door or roof for entrance, whichever is most convenient. We recommend the door, because it is partly glass.

Chicago, Ill., May 1, 1897.

M. E. COLEMAN.

ALPHA ZETA-BELOIT COLLEGE.

The opening of the spring term finds Alpha Zeta holding her place splendidly in college circles. Our parties are the jolliest, our receptions the most successful, our orators at the head, our musicians in the lead, and our athletes in the very front rank.

In our last letter we mentioned that three of our men passed the preliminary contests in oratory, and that these men are from '98. We have no seniors. We are proud to say that of these men Brother Hinckley won first place and Brother McCuskey second place in the home contest, easily defeating three seniors. Two weeks later, at the state contest, Brother Hinckley convinced six able judges that he was the man to represent Wisconsin in the interstate next month, and so at Columbia, Missouri, Wisconsin Sigs will show of what stuff they are made. Seven of the fifteen men elected for the preliminary contests next year are Sigs.

Four of our boys are prominent candidates for positions on the base-ball team. Brothers Kinsley and Meadows, with two pledged men, Edwards and Robert Brown, are representing us well on the diamond. In track athletics Brother Riggs is captain and Brother J. D. Whitney manager of the team, of which Brothers Moore, McCuskey and W. T. Whitney are leading members.

Brother White is leader of the college mandolin club, and Brother Riggs his right-hand man.

In our different lines of college work it is natural that we come into rivalry with each other, but never in the history of the chapter has the fraternal spirit been so beautiful, and never has it meant so much to the boys. With thirteen men in the house, we are not in the least superstitious—the feeling of brotherhood has grown until we feel that we can yell "all for one, and one for all" from the very bottom of our hearts. When we twenty boys, bound heart and soul together, gather in our parlor on a Sunday afternoon for a quiet visit, we feel strengthened for the week's work. When we gather on some evening, for our games of whist, our songs and our stag dances, we feel like kings, and go out upon the porch and yell "Who! who! who am I?" till our neighbors, the Phi Psi's wish that they—had half as good a yell.

We have had several pleasant calls from the chapter's alumni and a few others. Brother St. John, of Omega, cheered us up for a few days, not long ago, and we feel that we want more. Any Sig who comes within one hundred miles of Beloit must come and stay a week; we'll "eat him, sleep him, dress him" and give him a better party than he gets at home.

ROLLO LYMAN.

Beloit, Wis., April 28, 1897.

ALPHA IOTA—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Iota has added one name to her chapter roll since the last QUARTERLY, and we take great pleasure in introducing G. C. Harlan, 'oo, of Monticello. Our new hall is admirably adapted for an initiation, and we made good use of all adaptations. The attendance at the Wesleyan this term is not quite as large as usual and good fraternity material is a scarce article. However, we have found another whom we deem worthy

to wear the White Cross, and some time in the near future will introduce him.

Our ball team played its first game April 28th, defeating the Normal University team in a closely-contested game. The outlook for a winning team this term is exceedingly bright, and, indeed, a good start has been made, as the Normal team is quite strong. Brother Thornhill is our only representative.

Wesleyan represents Illinois at the inter-state oratorical contest, at Columbia, Mo., May 6th; J. S. Daucey is our orator and we expect much from him. Several of the boys will probably take advantage of this opportunity and visit Xi Xi.

Brother C. A. Daniel is not back this term, having accepted a lucrative position as a traveling salesman. We also miss Brother Howard Means, who has taken a position with the United States survey in Montana. While Brother Means was not an active member the last term, his interest in our welfare was not lessened in the least, and he was prominent in all our affairs. We feel the loss of these two brothers keenly.

Since the last edition of the QUARTERLY, we have been quite active socially. We had more men at the Pan-Hellenic banquet than any other fraternity, and we had more dances. On February 19th Brother Norman Williams entertained us with a dancing party at his home. April 16th Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Herrick opened their home to Sigma Chi and friends. The house was beautifully decorated with fraternity colors, and from behind a bank of potted palms and lilies a mandolin orchestra played waltzes and two-steps "till the wee sma' hours." It was a royal good time and one of the society events of the season. On April 30th Brother Tillard entertained us at his magnificent home, on Franklin square. It is an ideal house for a dance and was a charac-The girls looked their prettiest, the music was teristic Sig party. grand, and floor elegant. As the first rays of light appeared in the east the last carriage rolled away bearing some tired but happy couple away from one of the best times of the season. Besides these, there have been informals and smokers in the stag line; and there's more coming.

We received a visit this term from Brother Schnedler, of Alpha Alpha.

With best wishes to all sister chapters, especially Omicron Omicron and Theta Theta.

J. B. Colwell.

Bloomington, Ill., May 1, 1897.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

With the college year fast drawing to a close, we begin to think of the faces we shall miss from our circle at the opening of the University this coming fall. Brother Walter Sheldon will graduate from the science department, having taken his A. B. degree last June. Brothers Luedke and Wollaeger graduate from the college of law; Brother Buck, from the science department; and Brothers Nelson and Cornish, from the engineering department.

We are glad to welcome Brother E. C. True, Alpha Kappa, '85, who has entered the law school.

In athletics, Wisconsin's victorious track team of '96 remains practically unchanged, except by the addition of several promising men. This team will be heard from in the coming western inter-collegiate meet in Chicago. Our crew promises to be the best Wisconsin has produced. Yale has invited us to take part in a two-mile race; Pennsylvania has challenged to a four-mile race; Columbia to a three-mile race, and Annapolis to a two-mile race. For several reasons the management is undecided whether or not to accept these offers. The freshman crew is the best we have ever had. Thus far the only college game of base-ball we have had was that with Northwestern, last Saturday. This was a ten-inning game, resulting 4 to 3 in favor of Northwestern. The Beloit team plays here May 1st, and we expect a delegation of Sigs from Alpha Zeta. By way of entertainment we have arranged to initiate our latest pledged man—Mr. Sidler, of Milwaukee.

Since the last QUARTERLY the junior prom., which was a very successful social event, has passed. The *Badger*, the junior annual, appeared this morning. It is about the same standard as those of former years.

We have enjoyed visits from Brother Arms, grand practor of this province, and Brother Heber Tibbetts.

Ross C. Cornish.

Madison, Wis., April 28, 1897.

ALPHA PI-ALBION COLLEGE.

Since our last letter very little of general interest has happened at Albion, and we have been allowed to carry out our usual routine of college life undisturbed. But one social gathering, which occurred on the evening of Washington's birthday, has been held in the lodge, although several little "feeds" have been participated in by the chapter.

It is with pleasure that we introduce to the Fraternity Frank N. Miner, '98, of Portland, who, in due course of time, on the night of February 4th, became a member of our order.

Thus far our base-ball season has not been as successful as it mighhave been, but three old men having returned. Albion has won only me
out of four collegiate games played, and our prospects are rather discouraging of again securing the Brackett cup, for which Michigan Agricultural, Olivet, State Normal, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, and Albion colleges compete this year, ranking for the first time being on the percentage system. Brother Hamblen is again playing behind the bat. Track
athletics, under the captaincy of Brother Shipp, are, however, very encouraging. Brother Miner has been elected president of the Epworth
League. Brother Pearce was president of the Erosophian Literary
Society last term, and will be one of its orators during commencement
week.

The Conservatory and other musical talent here is very much pleased just now with the assurance that a musical festival will take place here June 8th, 9th and 10th. Corinne Marie Lawson, soprano; McKinley, tenor; Godowski, pianist, and Breckenridge, organist, have been secured, and the festival will, doubtless, be in all ways a success.

We have recently procured neat little emblems for our pledged men. The design consists of a small St. George's cross of white enamel, with gold beveled edges, and having a blue center. Everyone says they are just the thing.

FRED A. PERINE.

Albion, Mich., May 1, 1897.

ALPHA SIGMA-UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Since our last letter we have initiated two new men, and pledged another. The new brothers are Michael Anseln Kiefer and Bernhart Francis Linne; both are freshmen in the scientific course. They are most estimable young men, and we take pleasure in introducing them to our sister chapters. We are now in a most prosperous condition, and, with our eleven active members, hold an enviable position in the fraternity circles of this institution. We have lost from our ranks, this term, Brother Finlayson, the popular foot-ball manager. He was confined to the hospital several weeks with a severe attack of typhoid fever, and upon recovering his physician advised his returning home. Though we feel and regret his absence, we look forward with joyful anticipation to his return next fall, to win laurels for Sigma Chi as the successful manager of a winning team.

During this spring we have held some pleasant and successful rushing parties, besides our initiations, which have been attended by several alumni brothers. We are now considering the subject of occupying a house next year, as the number of non-resident members is alone almost

enough to support one, and the resident members are in hearty accord with the idea. Here's success to the movement, and a warm welcome to all Sigs who chance this way.

C. Hanford Kendall.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 29th, 1897.

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SIXTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA EPSILON-UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Once more spring is with us; and with its advancement and the posting of the schedule for finals, one is reminded that soon the time will be at hand when one must part for a time from those with whom we have formed strong friendships, and with whom such pleasant times have been spent during the passing year, which has been so helpful to Alpha Epsilon. But notwithstanding the fact that the dreaded finals are so near at hand, from now till the close of school promises to be the liveliest time of the year in all university circles. This has partially been brought about through a general tendency of the fraternities to unite and work together, both socially and politically. Such a state of affairs can only be appreciated by an old student, during whose college life rivalry and jealousy existed.

Just now the students and faculty are very much pleased with the University's prospects for next year, as our legislature, which recently adjourned, saw fit to make us an appropriation for a magnificent mechanical building, to be built upon our already crowded campus. This satisfies a long-felt want, which, owing to the hard times which have been so keenly felt in Nebraska, was hardly hoped to be obtained this year.

Athletics are receiving so much interested and enthusiastic attention that it seems special mention should be made. Base-ball has made wonderful advancement, and with its very flattering prospects is now the all-absorbing topic in athletic circles. Under the efficient management of Brother Packard as captain, the team has played some excellent games, and expects to return from their long trip in the Middle States with a clean record. Two events which have commanded much attention are field day (May 7th) and girls' "gym" contest (May 8th); the latter, especially, is looked forward to with much pleasure.

Through sickness Alpha Epsilon has had the misfortune to lose one of its brightest and most popular members—George S. Hellier, 'oo—who, owing to an abscess formed within his lung, was compelled to leave college. We are also sorry to say that by graduation we will hereafter know six of our members as alumni; but, thanks to fortune,

we have found six fellows of true "Sig" material, on whom were pinned the White Cross of Sigma Chi, during the month of February; they are as follows: LeMonte J. Belknap, '98; Frank J. Gustin, '97; C. W. Tishue, '98; L. R. Ewart, '99, and F. G. and R. R. Rainey, '00—six men that we with pride introduce to the Sig world.

Alpha Epsilon has been very fortunate in receiving calls from Sigs from various chapters, and wishes to extend a hearty welcome to all who may chance to come our way. During the last few days we have have had with us Brothers J.W. Vernon, Alpha Zeta; Howard C. Means, Alpha Iota, and Dr. E. P. Hayward, Alpha Epsilon, '91, and a member of the New York Alumni chapter.

Trusting that you have all spent as pleasant and profitable year as have the members of Alpha Epsilon, and that we may hear from you all before the year closes, we extend our best wishes for the future.

Lincoln, Neb., April 26, 1897.

GEORGE BURGERT, IR.

ALPHA XI-UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Again old Alpha Xi sends in her letter, with the hope that she may ever have as cheering a report. We lose by graduation three brothers, loyal and true, all of whom go forth with best wishes of the chapter. Brothers Osborn and Sampson graduate in the arts department, and Brother Wagstaff will receive an LL. B. The latter intends to enter Columbian next year, and our loss will result in Epsilon's gain.

In the inter-fraternity games of base-ball for the pennant we went forth with high hopes of conquest, and only those who were vitally interested can understand the gloom which came over us as Brother Nelson calmly struck the third time with the score standing 19 to 17 against us—Phi Kappa Psi being the victor.

Theta Nu Epsilon elected three Sigs out of ten men bid this year.

The chapter has had many of her alumni visit her since the last letter, and Brothers Van Nuys, ex-'97, and Pettyjohn, ex-'97, were present at the thirteenth annual party, which was a grand success. She also has had the pleasure of frequent visits from Brothers Vernon, Alpha Lambda, '84, and Atchison, Alpha Iota, '84.

Brother Smith has been elected chairman of the executive committee of the Oratorical Association. Brother Osborn has an important part in the senior play. Brother Speak won two firsts and one second yesterday in the field meet.

The Kansas-Nebraska debate resulted in a victory—the second time for Kansas. We were not directly interested.

The base-ball team has made a good record, and we repeated the

whitewash to University of Missouri given them last Thanksgiving on the gridiron field. Brother Williams is catcher, and Brother Speak substitute on the team.

A mistake was made in the last QUARTERLY in the names of Brothers Wilhoite Cates, 'oo, of Chanute, and Harry Allen Dockum, '98, of Wichita, which I will correct here.

Alpha Xi sends her greetings to all sister chapters, and hopes that the bright star of success may shine ever with them, and with only the best wishes she bids her sisters adieu until next year.

Lawrence, Kan., May 8, 1897.

HARRY G. CLARK.

SEVENTH PROVINCE.

ETA-UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Again Eta greets her sister chapters. The University of Mississippi has enjoyed thus far a very prosperous session; improvement and progressiveness have been manifested throughout the entire college year. All the material for our first annual, which will be very aptly called "Ole Miss," has been completed and sent to the printers and engravers for publication. We think our first effort in this line has been crowned with success, and we expect "Ole Miss" to take a high rank among college annuals.

Our tennis association has undergone a complete transformation. Heretofore the tennis courts have belonged to, or rather, claimed by, the different fraternities; but Chancellor Fulton has given to the association a large level spot on the campus, which has been converted into six beautiful courts, fitted with new nets, backstops and all the modern improvements. This change affords our students, who have all been peculiarly fond of tennis, a systematic arrangement for exercise. The base-ball team has been very successful in the two games played. Brother Monette proved his skill and efficiency as a pitcher in the game with St. Thomas Hall, in which the score stood 9 to 0 in our favor. Last Saturday we defeated the South-Western Baptist University by a score of 10 to 4. We have a good, strong team and expect a splendid record.

Eta has captured her share of college honors so far; W. J. Pate, L. P. Leavell, and your scribe, are members of the editorial staff of the University magazine. Brother L. P. Leavell won the salutatorianship over four other contestants, and your scribe is one of the senior debaters for commencement. Brothers Monette and Gibson represent us on the

base-ball team, while Brother Fisher, as center-rush, is our representative in foot-ball.

Eta is glad to see, through our last QUARTERLY, that all of her sister chapters are in such a prosperous condition. Marion G. Evans.

University, Miss., April 18, 1897.

ALPHA NU-UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

The present session is nearly over, and the final spurt before examinations and commencement is on. The exercises will be quite interesting this year, but the one feature looked forward to by the Sigs is their reception and dance tendered each commencement to visitors.

Before the close of this year's work the boys are making active preparations for next year. The growing popularity of the University indicates a considerable increase in next year's attendance. This means good material for Sigma Chi. We have been eminently successful during the past session in getting good men; but, realizing that the struggle ahead of us will be sharp and decisive, we are prepared to maintain our present standing, if hard and conscientious work will avail.

Our present policy is to secure a chapter house, to be ready for occupancy at the opening of the session. The chapter has long felt the importance of this move, but never has the prospect seemed more favorable for a successful culmination than now.

On the whole, Alpha Nu is confident and happy, and we veritably believe that the future of Sigma Chi in Texas is to be a grand one.

Austin, Tex., May 1, 1897.

F. MARION LAW.

ALPHA OMICRON-TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Tulane has a fresh laurel as a climax to her long list of victories. Some time ago, through her literary society, she applied for admission to the Southern States Oratorical Association. That association, however, was already rather overcrowded, and though there was some talk of admitting Tulane at the expense of some smaller college, the application was refused. Not at all "pleased" by this rebuff, Tulane set to work energetically and organized the "Gulf-State Oratorical Association," composed of the universities of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Tulane. The contest was held on the 4th of March; and, through her representative, Mr. R. S. Vichers, Tulane gained a brilliant victory. The Gulf-State Oratorical Association is to be a permanent affair, with the addition of Texas and probably North Carolina on its membership roll.

The Sigs now in the medical department are Brothers Vic Smith, Psi, and G. K. Logan, Alpha Omicron, '95, in the class of '99, and Brothers J. P. Parker and J. S. Johnson, first-year men. Brothers Logan and Smith each secured one of the twelve vacant positions of resident student in the Charity Hospital. What this means will be better understood when I say that ninety students competed for the much-coveted honor. Brothers Smith and Logan have moved their "doll-rags" to the hospital, and are now completely hidden behind an extremely broad grin.

Base-ball, spring games and tennis are at present attracting much attention, and each evening sees the campus thronged with base-ball enthusiasts, applicants for field-day honors, and ardent tennis players. The base-ball team lost three successive games (and seventy-five dollars) on their recent trip to Tuscaloosa. We have games arranged with several local teams and with the Louisiana State University, which will also enter her athletes in our spring games. The inter-class base-ball games have all been played, and Ninety-eight is champion, with a clean score of six victories out of six games; Ninety-seven takes second place, by a nose, from Ninety-nine, while Nineteen-hundred gracefully brings up the rear. On Ninety-seven we were represented by Brothers F. A. Monroe and Hayward; Brother Grant did good work for Ninety-eight, and Brothers Logan and Westfeldt played on their respective class teams.

In other fields, energy is venting itself in work on "Jambalaya" and the "Daily Spirit," which has passed its experimental stage and become a permanent institution. Much is expected of this year's Jambalaya, and Brothers Monroe and Murphy, who are on the board, tell us that no one will be disappointed. One of the attractive features will be the groups of active members, which each fraternity intends to substitute for the regulation cut. The copy has all been sent in, and the editors expect to have their wonder before the public by the beginning of June.

The rushing season has begun, and Alpha Omicron is in good condition to do some of her old-time, famous "spiking." That is, however, hardly ever necessary now. As to the outlook for next session, you almost have to put on smoked glasses to look at it. It is true that four brothers will be graduated this year, but three will return for a post-graduate course, and "Parson" Hayward will probably be in the city. In the class of 'o1, two or three are sure, and three almost positive that they will try conclusions with our "William" before many months are past.

Brothers Leavell and Kimbrough, Eta, '99, paid us a flying visit on

their way to the Y. M. C. A. convention, at Mobile, Ala. Both are men who will make themselves heard in the not-far-distant future. Come again, boys, when you have more time to stay.

Carthago delenda est! The amendments to the constitution intended to facilitate the obtaining of charters must be downed.

New Orleans, La., April 29, 1897.

J. B. Monroe.

ALPHA PSI-VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Nashville has put on her gala dress for the reception of guests to the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition. The beautiful "White City" looks like a creation of fairyland as it stands at the western end of the city, adjoining Vanderbilt University. Its praises are on all lips, and the Tennesseeans are justly proud of this work which is inspiring the unbounded commendation of all visitors. efforts of Nashville's citizens have been untiring, and they have builded better than they knew. The student of Vanderbilt University, and of all Tennessee schools, will in the future congratulate themselves that it was their good fortune to have this great educational influence enter their lives during their school and college days. We, of Vanderbilt University, are especially proud because of the part that professors, students and alumni have taken in the great enterprise, and especially of the fact that Dr. W. L. Dudley, a loyal Sigma Chi, has been made Director of Affairs. No doubt many Sigs are contemplating a visit to Nashville during the Centennial, even if the Fraternity convention itself does not meet here. We would suggest that those who are coming, or who have friends coming, should correspond with Brother Bruce Overton, 1921 Hayes street, who has one of the handsomest residences in the West End for the entertainment of Centennial guests.

Alpha Psi continues to take a prominent part in college life, and, as a result she is receiving her share of honors. Brother T. D. McIntyre, who has been leader and manager of the glee club for the year, has been elected editor-in-chief of the Comet, the University annual. Brother T. H. Brewer, who has so ably edited the Observer, has been chosen as Vanderbilt's representative in the annual debate with the University of the South. This is the second time in three years that Alpha Psi has been represented in this debate. Brother Griffin Lovelace, who has been a member of the glee club for three years, and this year has been managing editor of the Hustler, has been chosen by the faculty one of four to contest in oratory for Founder's medal during commencement week. Brother Phil Connell, this year's captain of the foot-ball team,

is in training for our annual field day and inter-collegiate meet, and he will, no doubt, as usual, reflect credit on the Fraternity.

We desire also to introduce to the Sigma Chi world a loyal brother—George Vaughn, of Louisville, Ky., who has been lately initiated by Alpha Psi. We also regretfully announce the loss of two of our number from active membership: Brother W. H. Henry, who was compelled to withdraw from the University by ill health, and Brother Harry M. Canter, who finished his senior work several weeks ago and withdrew to join the Baltimore conference. He is now stationed at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. He will return at commencement to receive his degree.

H. B. Carre.

Nashville, Tenn., April 25, 1897.

EIGHTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Alpha Upsilon's denary of loyal and enthusiastic Sigs once more greet you, brethren, and assever their devotion to the White Cross, under whose helpful inspiration we all have, during the college year now drawing to an end, lived better and accomplished more than we might have done had we not had the dear, old Fraternity to urge us on.

This commencement will take from us two good and worthy members—Brothers Thomson and Spencer; the former graduates at the head of the class, and the latter is honored as the valedictorian of the Aristotelian Literary Society. Of this organization, the leading one among the five of its class in the University, Brother Jones is president and Brother A. O. Martin is announced as commencement orator. So much for the exit of the graduates.

Since our last epistle we have passed through an exciting election, in which the anti-fraternity element waged a bitter and unsuccessful campaign. The battle was over the selection of editor-in-chief for the Courier, the college paper, which has come recently under student control. That Brother Spencer was pre-eminently the man for the place was admitted generally, and his selection, without opposition, confidently anticipated. Because of his Hellenian relations, however, an attempt was made to defeat him. But ability won, and this, the greatest honor which is within the power of the students to grant, was given where it was deserved.

In the fifth annual inter-collegiate field day, on the 22nd of February, U. of S. C. had to be content with second place. Brother A. O. Martin did his best to allure victory to the cardinal and gold by winning the

first place in the high jump. He was also well up in the pole vault (almost ten feet up), securing third honors. Alpha Upsilon, always striving to help along athletics, showed her spirit for the 'Varsity by attending the games in a tally-ho, over which floated a beautiful Sigma Chi flag, the production of the young ladies who aided in the composition of the party. After the sports were over, we set down to a repast at the Nadeau Cafe, then drove out to the home of Brother Tebbetts, where a pleasant evening was passed. Since the track work has ceased its demands for attention base-ball has come into prominence. Our team is having a very successful season, and is showing a good game. On the team we have, Tebbets, captain and pitcher; Martin, first-base, and Jones, center-field. A combination performance is to take place on the 10th of May, at Pomona College. On the afternoon of that day, our base-ball aspirants meet the Pomona aggregation of sphere jugglers, and in the evening comes the annual inter-collegiate oratorical contest. In the local contest, to decide upon U. of S. C.'s representative for this latter event, Brother Spencer won. We're going to Pomona in a body to see "Freddie" win-we hope.

Joy is among us to know that the song-book is soon to cease to be a thing of the imagination. Brother Arms, we salute you!

Our prospect for the succeeding year is vivid. Just watch for us in the next QUARTERLY; we'll be there!

Again we close. Strong and full of plans for Sigma Chi's advancement, we look hopefully toward the future. If spirit and enthusiasm, energy, ambition and love can accomplish anything for the blue and gold, Alpha Upsilon will add to it much splendor.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 1, 1897. FOSTER CARLISLE WRIGHT.

ALPHA OMEGA-LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY.

Inasmuch as Alpha Omega had no letter in the last number, she has now to record a number of events. In the first place, though the story is now old, we cannot refrain from having it noted in the QUARTERLY that our last Thanksgiving Day "dear old Stanford" triumphed over Berkeley in a 20 to 0 foot-ball match. The Berkeley men were some time in recovering from the shock, but when they finally did recover, they immediately set the rumor afoot that while Stanford had the brawn, Berkeley had the brains. In the recent inter-collegiate debate, however, it was demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of all concerned that the rumor had no foundation in fact, for here our representative scored a splendid victory. Still, Berkeley is no unworthy rival—her track and

base-ball men demonstrated that somewhat to the sorrow of Stanford men.

Leaving now college for fraternity matters, we may say that the prospects of Alpha Omega are even brighter than ever. Though last semester we lost Brothers Morse and Strong through graduation, and though Brothers Pauli and Moulton have temporarily left college, yet next fall we will start in with eight active men. We have made arrangements for a handsome house for next year—a house to which we will be pleased and proud to welcome all Sigs who may stray into the wilds of California.

The personnel of the chapter is somewhat different from that at the time of our last writing. We have above mentioned those who have left us; it remains, then, to mention our late initiates, Brother Bernard Nichols, of Detroit, Mich., and he whose name appears at the end of this note. We should have mentioned above that Brother Morse, immediately after graduating, had presented to him a responsible position as mining engineer in an important mine in the southern part of our State.

We feel just at present that everything is coming our way, and sincerely hope the same is true of the Fraternity at large. And now, with the best wishes of Alpha Omega to all, we close.

C. C. Gray.

University, California, May 3, 1897.

NINTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA ALPHA-HOBART COLLEGE.

We have just returned from our Easter recess and have nothing to look forward to but commencement and the jolly festivities. Everything seems to be coming Alpha Alpha's way, and we shall finish the year prosperously. Brother Whicher was elected president of the graduating class; Brother Moneton was elected class poet.

Hobart's base-ball season opens to-day. We have a good, strong team, capable of holding its own with the other members of the intercollegiate association. Sigma Chi has two representatives on the team—Flannery, third-base, and Foller, center-field. Both are strong men. There has been a boom in athletics here; a new cinder track has been prepared around the campus, and aspirants for track honors are in their glory.

The chapter has been honored this month by a visit from Brother William B. Abbey, Phi Phi, '76. Brother Abbey did us a world of good, though his stay was a short one. He is an enthusiastic Sig; full of the

proper spirit. We have also received visits from Brothers Brown, Frank, Bartlett, and Talbot of Alpha Phi, and from Brother Case, Alpha Alpha, '96.

Junior week, this year, is the first week in May. We are to have an opera and the junior prom. Brother Vankleck is manager of the opera company. Brothers Blackford and Moulton are members of the company. Brother Flannery is our representative on the junior prom. committee. We should like to hear from the other chapters.

Geneva, N. Y., April 16, 1897.

ARTHUR W. MOULTON.

ETA ETA-DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

The all-absorbing topic of conversation at Dartmouth just now is the success of our base-ball team. We have started the season very auspiciously, having lost only one game, and that to Harvard, thus tying the We have administered crushing defeats to Holy series with them. Cross and University of Vermont, and played a tie game with the Wesleyan team; in short, we have the best base-ball team the College has sent out for years. Brother Folsom, our one representative on the nine, is a strong hitter and plays his position (at second base) to complete satisfaction. The track team is also worthy of comment. Brother Bolser took a team of relay racers to Philadelphia, who were beaten by Brown by the mere matter of a few inches. Brothers Boston and Bolser were the fastest two men on the team. Brother Thayer accompanied the team as substitute. As usual, the boys were well entertained by the Pennsylvania Sigs, and brought back some handsome silver cups as a reward for their pretty work. It is hard to say what the chances of our team will be at Worcester, but Captain Bolser feels confident of having a good team. The freshman base-ball team has two Sigs in its group— Brothers Chapman and Orcult. We predict a successful season for the team.

The chapter has suffered again by the loss of two good men—Brothers Buell, '98, and Smith, '00. The former expects to rejoin his class next fall, and the latter also will probably return.

In the recent commencement appointments Sigma Chi was well represented. Brother Brown took second honors, and Brothers Chase and Carr received appointments.

We have just recently received the last number of the Bulletin, and while we believe in beneficial extension to the Fraternity, yet it must be remembered that a too bulky organization never runs smoothly. When we remember that there are about five hundred colleges in the United States, the Fraternity should be very careful how it plants chapters in colleges

which have no past, and a rather questionable future. Sigma Chi has already too many chapters in small colleges, which are practically on a par with Eastern fitting schools. College fraternities to succeed must be conservative. Sigma Chi may well congratulate itself on entering such a prosperous institution as the University of Chicago, but let us guard our membership jealously.

B. C. Taylor, '97.

Hanover, N. H., May 4, 1897.

NU NU-COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Nu Nu takes great pleasure in writing this letter to her sister chapters, to tell them of the success which has crowned the efforts of Sigma Chi's loyal sons during the past year, to firmly establish our noble fraternity at Columbia, and attain for it a standing worthy of its exalted purposes.

When the college year opened Nu Nu could not boast of a fraternity house, and the eight Sigs who returned to college realized that they were greatly handicapped, since they would have to compete with fraternities offering every inducement in this line. This fact, however, did not discourage them, but, on the contrary, it seemed to stimulate their energy, and before the end of the half-year they succeeded in increasing Nu Nu's membership to fifteen.

At this period, feeling that we could support quarters by being a little economical, rooms were engaged at a very convenient distance from the college. This step proved to be a success. Before that time, the members were scattered, seldom having the opportunity of seeing one another, and consequently failing to foster a true fraternity spirit. But the engagement of quarters worked a great change; not only was an impetus given to their enthusiasm, but this enthusiasm was backed up by earnest work, resulting in the addition of five more names to the membership roll. So, as we stand now, we have twenty of the best men in college, comfortable quarters and a fair treasury. This is the career of Nu Nu for the past year. Now let us anticipate: By next fall Columbia University will have moved to its new site on Morningside Heights, New York City, and what, then, may be expected from Nu Nu?

Negotiations have been made for a fine house, situated withih a stone's throw of the college buildings, and there is no doubt about a successful termination being reached. So, with fifteen Sigs expected to return next year, with the advantage of fraternity quarters, and with the further advantage of having gained for ourselves a marked recognition in fraternity circles, we can predict for ourselves a very successful future, and assure our sister chapters that Sigma Chi's White Cross will be looked upon at Columbia with the greatest respect and admiration.

New York City, N. Y., May 1, 1897. EDWARD J. FARLEY.

ALPHA THETA-MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Since the last letter we have initiated another man—Barton Hazelton, '00, of Rome, N. Y., whom we take pleasure in introducing. He is a fine fellow, and in other institutions would have been initiated early in the year; but owing to the press of work here we have little opportunity to become acquainted with the members of the entering class until some time has expired. We also lose an active member—James Thomas Harahan, '99, who has recently gone abroad. In all probability he will return next fall.

Among the "fraters in urbe" is Brother Frisbie, Epsilon, '76. He is the rector of the Church of the Advent, one of Boston's most influential churches, and is to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the class of '97.

March 20th was the day of the celebration of our fifteenth annual banquet. Many of the alumni were present, and it is scarcely necessary to add that we had a very enjoyable and memorable time.

During the Easter recess we had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Taylor, Eta Eta, '97.

This spring we organized a base-ball team, as in previous years, and have played six games so far, losing but two.

Alpha Theta sends her greeting to the sister chapters, and an invitation to any brothers who may happen to stray this way.

Boston, Mass., April 25, 1897.

GUY MAGEE, JR.

ALPHA PHI-CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

At the present time everyone here is deeply interested in the base-ball team, and in the races which will so soon come off at Poughkeepsie. Our base-ball team has played but two college games so far, but the results of these two lead us to hope for a very successful season. Brothers Brown and King are trying for the team, the former having played on last year's nine. Brother King, unfortunately, met with an accident to his hand which has prevented his playing for several days. The crews have been on the water since the last of March, and on Saturday afternoon Coach Courtney raced them over a two-mile course on Cayuga Lake. The crew which will in all probability row against the United States Naval Academy, on May 15th, and which contains seven of last year's freshmen crew, came in first, with the first 'Varsity crew half a length behind. The first 'Varsity at present has five out of the eight who rowed in last year's winning boat.

During the term which ended with this spring vacation, we added one more to our number by initiating Joseph B. Weed, Jr., of Newark,

N. J. Brother Weed is a member of the freshman class. Although the college year is nearly over, our rushing committee is still at work, and we hope before long to pledge several men whom we have had in view for some time. Brother Skidmore has left us for the remainder of the year, but expects to be with us again in September.

Brothers Steele and McLaughlin have been elected to Sphinx Head, a senior society, and Brother McLaughlin has also brought the chapter a new honor by being one of the twelve to win places on the '86 Memorial Stage, out of one hundred and forty contestants. He has also been elected to the managership of the *Cornell Daily Sun*.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to expected visits from Brothers Clyde Johnson, '93, and Charley Young, '95; and should any Sig have occasion to come anywhere near Ithaca, he must not fail to pay us a visit, and we will do our best to uphold one of the pleasantest features of fraternity life—that of entertaining those with whom we have something in common; our interest in Sigma Chi.

Ithaca, N. Y., April 25, 1897.

ARTHUR BEAVERS RAYMOND.

Personalia.

- R. S. Berry, Zeta Zeta, '96, is naval cadet at Annapolis.
- Frank J. Shipp, Alpha Pi, '96, has located at Belt, Mont.
- George D. Meikeljohn, Theta Theta, '80, is now assistant secretary of war.
- S. A. Blackburn, Zeta Zeta, '95, is in Washington, D. C., studying medicine.
- W.'W. Knott, Zeta Zeta, '96, is in the insurance business at Lebanon, Ky.
- D. C. King, Zeta Zeta, '94, is a successful farmer in Lincoln Co., Kentucky.
- Jas. H. Dorman, Zeta Zeta, Law '95, is practicing at Cynthiana, Kentucky.
- James McSurely, Alpha, '96, has been elected city treasurer of Hillsboro, Ohio.
- Seymour C. Eslow, Alpha Pi, Ex-'92, is county surveyor of Calhoun Co., Michigan.
- E. Clarence Dunning, Alpha Pi, '95, is making arrangements to enter Harvard next fall.
- Louis W. Anderson, Alpha Pi, '92, has a position in the city engineer's office at Grand Rapids.
- Richard R. Wightman, Alpha Pi, ex-'92, has accepted the pastorate of Christ's Presbyterian Church, New York City.
- P. Bruce Brockway, Alpha Pi, ex-'97, and Gamma, '97, will enter the University of Michigan medical department next fall.
- T. C. Baird, Eta, '90, of Baird, Miss., was examined and admitted to the medical profession by the recent meeting of the State Medical Association.
- J. M. Jayne, Zeta, '70, was appointed by the Governor of Mississippi to represent Washington county in the disbursement of relief of the flood sufferers.
- E. E. Brougher, Eta, '85, was selected as commissioner from the Greenville, Tex., Presbyterian Church to Paris Presbytery, at Cooper, Tex., April 17, 1897.

William S. White, Alpha Pi, '89, who has the American Book Co.'s business in Southern Michigan, has changed his headquarters from Lansing to Grand Rapids.

In the Alpha Psi letter of this issue it is said that Brother Bruce overton will be able to furnish comfortable rooms at 1921 Hayes street, to persons attending the convention.

C. E. Catchings, Eta, '92, of Marion county, and T. D. Isom, Eta, '80, of Lafayette county, were appointed health officers for their respective counties by the Mississippi State Medical Association.

Brother John D. Blanton, president of Ward's Female Seminary, Nashville, has decided to place the school buildings at the disposal of exposition visitors. His rates, including breakfast, will be \$1.50 a day.

Brother Fred Scheuch, Delta Delta, '92, of the University of Montana faculty, writes that the state legislature has appropriated \$100,000 for the purpose of new buildings at that institution. Brother Scheuch is very sanguine of the University's future.

William L. Dudley, Zeta Psi, '81, professor of chemistry at Vanderbilt University, is Director of Affairs of the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition. Brother Dudley is an enthusiastic Sigma Chi, and has set aside the twenty-eighth day of August as Sigma Chi day at the Exposition.

MARRIAGES.

Arthur J. Ogden, Alpha Pi, ex-'95, was married to Miss Nina Alice Chadwick on February 9th, at Minneapolis, Minn.

At Battle Creek, Mich., March 31st, Frank A. Kulp (Alpha Pi, ex'97, L. L. B. University of Michigan, '96) and Miss Jennie I. Smith were married.

On April 28, 1897, Brother U. J. Howard, Zeta Zeta, Law, '95, was married to Miss Carrie Brent Alexander, at the Christian Church, Paris, Ky. The bride is the daughter of Charlton Alexander, the famous bluegrass banker and farmer. Brother Howard is a prominent attorney of Covington, Ky., being associated with Hon. Harvey Meyers. Brother Richard Apperson, Zeta Zeta, '91, Theta Theta, '94, was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Howard left for the East on an extended trip.

Reviews.

WALTER MALONE'S NEW BOOK.

Walter Malone, Eta, '87, is before the public in a new volume, the sixth from his pen, and his first venture in prose. This book has met with great and deserved success. The New York Herald says of it:

"In 'The Coming of the King,' there is a curious tale of which Shakspeare is the hero, and there are one or two other tales which are exceptionally good. * * * The author is an entertaining story teller and we have little doubt that these simple tales will please many readers."

The New Orleans Picayune says:

"Mr. Malone's book contains six short stories, all clever, and some surprisingly excellent. The book gets its title from the first story, a sort of allegory, in which a bankrupt spendthrift is shown to be, after all, a generous fellow. 'The Judgment Day of the Moon' is a singular and poetic story of a woman's love for a man who despises her. The scanty remnant of the moon's people are about to flee from the doomed orb to the earth. The man attempts to leave his undesirable inamorita behind, but she tricks him, and the airship departs, leaving them both solitary in the dying planet. The other stories are good, but not so striking as these two."

The Boston Globe says:

"Lovers of mystery and pathos will find Mr. Malone's stories interesting reading."

The New Orleans Times-Democrat says:

"Mr. Walter Malone, the poet-lawyer of Memphis, author of several volumes of poems, including 'Songs of Dusk and Dawn,' and 'Songs of December and June,' has shown himself to be as good a writer of stories as he is of verse. Mr. Malone's style is easy and graceful and his power of description unusually intense. His 'Judgment Day of the Moon' is not only well written and interesting, but betrays a weird and vivid imagination. This story is in striking contrast with 'A Preacher's Love Story,' a clever and natural picture of Mississippi life, which evidences the author's versatility. The book is beautifully printed in large type and handsomely bound. Mr. Malone is one of the best known young writers in literary circles in the South. His poems have attracted a great deal of attention, and are much admired for their rhythm and beauty of imagery."

The Memphis Commercial Appeal says:

"In the past few months Mr. Walter Malone has published a book of short stories—
'The Coming of the King' and others—which is attracting widespread attention and
receiving a most hospitable reception. Already this fortunate young author has received
congratulatory letters from James Whitcomb Riley, Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Edith M.
Thomas, Madison Cawein, Louise Imogen Guiney, F. L. Stanton, Edgar Fawcett and
others, and such newspapers as the New York Herald, the New York Sun, the Herald,
the Globe and the Pilot of Boston; the New Orleans, Atlanta and Tennessee papers have
given extended and favorable reviews of the work. From a strictly literary standpoint,
Mr. Malone's book is, of course, superior to any of the others that have been written in
Memphis. Mr. Malone's book possesses in addition to a display of constructive and
artistic ability, a literary finish and completeness that are admirable."

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REV. DR. WALLACE RADCLIFFE, D. D., IOTA, '62.

From the night of a man's initiation into Sigma Chi up until a certain point of honorable achievement in his life, the honor of the association is almost, if not wholly, one-sided. The initiate, under-graduate and, after that, the tyro in business life, with the proper appreciation of the honors and advantages that have accrued to him by the mere fact of his connection with the Fraternity, soon learns the inestimable value of the gift. The Fraternity shoulders the risk of his development into a credit or dishonor to itself, having baptized him with a new name upon the strength of his youthful promise, fair words and the sanctity of his oath. Thereafter she stands back and waits, lending him her kindly hand here and there and the aid of her cheering words now and then. The rest remains with the man. After a time, if he follows the light ahead and wards off the shadows that may try to creep across and darken the lustre of his white cross, he begins to reach a point where the honors may become even and a rare day it is when, as he stands with his head thrown back, his eyes looking his fellow-man squarely in the face, his hands free from the taint of dishonor and his heart turned towards his God, his friends can say: "He is an honor to Sigma Chi!" the subject of this sketch; for many years the Fraternity has been an honor to him, as it will ever be, and for many years also he has turned the point beyond which he has, in return for his Greek birthright, rendered up to Sigma Chi the life, name and service, which makes him a credit to us all.

Every man is much determined by his great-grandparents. The forbears of Brother Radcliffe were of that sturdy Scotch-Irish stock which streamed into America in the early part of this century and especially possessed the Great Middle States. From this people have sprung many men conspicuous in every sphere of life through the annals of American history in their times. Its special gift to this country has been in the Ministry. Aforetime their progenitors had braved the teeth of the Channel gales along the Scotch and Irish shores of that

soul-tempering region where salt blew into men's faces and clarified their brains and roughened their breasts. They had fought Saracen and stranger and had flung defiance in the jaws of priestera ft. So be it when they came here they fell naturally into the pioneer paths and cheerfully and doggedly chose to carry the white banner into the wilderness. So it was that our Brother Radcliffe comes naturally by his ecclesiastical trend. He looks the part intended for him; a straight back which possesses genial joints making it easy to unbend and bow in ready reverence or in kind words and hearty greeting; a firm jaw, straight-cut lips, a virile thoughtful brow when in repose and of a singularly winning and happy expression when relaxed, makes up one's ocular impressions of the man. His hand-clasp, walk and voice are vigorous Saxon, saved from strident brusquerie by the mellowing Irish in his blood. As Chesterfield said of Lady ———: "I do not know how old she is, but she does not look it."

He was born in Pittsburg, Pa., in the heart of a community made up of the people who came with his ancestors from the Irish Channel and in addition to their sturdy heritage, he imbibed the air and stirring energy of that region of iron and labor and struggle—these were the directions and stimulous of his future life. The old Scotch Presbyterianism may have taken its positive tinge of blue from the canopy of smoke that ever hung over that hive of human, restless life. Young Radcliffe's education was begun in the public schools, continued through graduation in the high school, whence he entered the Allegheny Academy and was there fitted for college. His Alma Mater was Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, since united with its neighbor under the name of Washington and Jefferson College. Its place is now among what are called the small colleges, as distinct from those that have university ambitions, but in other times it was a large college with special patronage from the south and southwest which, of course, was seriously crippled during and since the war between the States. The Alumni of this old school have ample cause for pride both in the roster of its professors and in the lives of its graduates. Dr. Radcliffe's life bears the distinct impress of President Joseph Alden and Prof. John T. Fraser. He was a member of the class of 1862 and an earnest member of Iota chapter of Sigma Chi. In his time the chapter consisted of attractive boys who were good students and good fellows and who had their full share of college fun and captured a large share of college honors. The intellectual and moral trend of the boys at that time is indicated by the fact that of the eight Iota men in Radcliffe's graduating class, three became clergymen, one a teacher, two physicians and two lawyers. After graduation,

young Radcliffe twice applied for enlistment in the Federal army, the War of the Rebellion being then in progress, but was refused largely on account of defective eyesight. His theological training began in the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Allegheny, but he had during his college course been disciplined by his church for participating, while a United Presbyterian, in the communion services of the Presbyterian Church in the college chapel. This brought thoughtfulness and broadened his moral vision, so that in the second year of his theological course he joined the Presbyterian Church and transferred to Princeton Theological Seminary, where he took an additional two years course in theology. Upon the Sabbath immediately following his graduation at Princeton Seminary, he assumed his first charge at Woodland Presbyterian Church, in West Philadelphia, which was a new church effort in the outskirts of the city; but, under Mr. Radcliffe's energetic and happy ministrations, it speedily grew into a strong church and in four years the congregation under his leadership built the present substantial and handsome edifice which now houses it. In 1872 he was called to the First Presbyterian Church of Reading, Penna., whence he went, in 1885, to the Fort Street Church, in Detroit. After eleven years of a most successful pastorate in Detroit, during which time his fame as a preacher and organizer had gone abroad through many channels, he was called to the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, in Washington, D. C. His most signal and useful work, outside of his direct pastorate, while living in Detroit, was the organization of the Tappan Presbyterian Association at the University of Michigan, an institution grand in conception and noble in achievement. Tappan Hall was erected at a cost of \$50,000 and a library of eight or nine thousand volumes secured. The scope of the hall was to lay the foundation for a distinctive church work among the students and to give a type and direction for the future relation of every denomination to the University in contrast with the small denominational college and also giving to the student in addition to the advantages of broad scholarship an oversight by his own church and an opportunity for religious and theological training if required. Tappan Hall is yet in its comparative infancy, has met with some obstacles, but is sure of a destiny of permanency and success.

Dr. Radcliffe was President of Tappan Hall and Lecturer upon Applied Christianity until he left Michigan. In attestation of the activity, breadth and success of Brother Radcliffe's life and how he has made his personality felt at home and abroad, a few instances may be given. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him in 1881 by Lafayette College; he had already earned A. B. and A. M. He was

Moderator of the Synod of Philadelphia, 1880—1, delegate to General Presbyterian Council in London in 1876 and 1888, delegate to St. Louis General Assembly, 1875, and New York, 1889. He has been offered a number of very prominent churches in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Minneapolis and New York; has been three times solicited to accept professorships in leading theological schools and invited to the presidency of two colleges. Brother Radcliffe is the author of "Life of E. J. Richards, D. D." and various historical and doctrinal sketches. In 1887 he married Miss Jessie, only daughter of Hon. E. C. Walker, of Detroit.

Dr. Radcliffe's success as a minister is due to several strong sides to his character. A marked social nature, evincing a heartiness of manner and an absence of the slightest touch of asceticism or austerity, he wins and holds friends, and, while carrying the conviction of a crystaline devoutness of soul, he possesses a vein of humor which renders his personality most winning. His sermons are marked by literary polish and carry the weight of honesty and conviction with them. His pulpit delivery is aided in its effectiveness by his method of preparation and physical manner. Until twelve or thirteen years ago he was a painstaking writer and read his sermons closely word for word, his poor eyesight compelling him to stoop closely to the desk, thus tending to produce a throat difficulty. Suddenly he threw aside manuscript and took away the pulpit, so as to have no crutches to lean upon, and has prepared ever since by writing a simple brief with a sharp and detailed outline, frequently writing a paragraph or epigram, leaving the filling for the language which came with the moment and which induces many to suppose he is talking memoriter. This absence of a trammelling manuscript and the open, free and facile manner of his delivery lends the greatest charm to his utterances. Brother Radcliffe is particularly happy in entirely impromptu remarks on delicate and social occasions.

Through all the incessant and absorbing demands upon his time and thought, Brother Radcliffe has kept quick and warm his love and interest in Sigma Chi, making constant overtures to the brothers, with whom he is thrown, for a closer fellowship and more active association. I can speak for his Sigma Chi fidelity, at least since his life in Washington. He is president of our local alumni association, presides with rare good humor and grace at meetings and dinners and is ever ready and prompt in attendance upon business meetings and any calls upon his very valuable time. The popularity of the doctor in Washington is fast passing into a proverb and his church services are crowded with one of the largest and finest audiences in Washington. As an instance of the

attractions of his personality and preaching, it may be noted that Mrs. Cleveland, although enrolled in the membership of another church, worshipped at New York Avenue and during the past winter the congregation held two members of the Cabinet, three Supreme Court Justices and Court of Claims Justices, nearly all the Department of Justice, fourteen United States Senators and a long list of Representatives. Brother Radcliffe's popularity is established among his people of low estate and he and his beautiful wife are coveted guests in the social functions of the Capital, especially in official circles.

If Sigma Chi stands for anything, it means help and example; Dr. Radcliffe acknowledges with a deep sense of gratitude, the great formative help his Fraternity was to him and he repays that blessing by putting before his brethren the light of a high example. This is the rounding-out of a complete and ideal Fraternity experience—keen appreciation of the honor one's membership confers, fidelity to the teachings and tenets of the Order, insistent and unceasing effort to preserve and encourage fellowship with his brothers and, finally, a life so lived that honor and lustre will be shed upon the white cross of Sigma Chi wherever one's name is known and spoken. Such has been the experience of Dr. Wallace Radcliffe.

SAMUEL R. IRELAND, Theta Theta, '89.

THE TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL AND

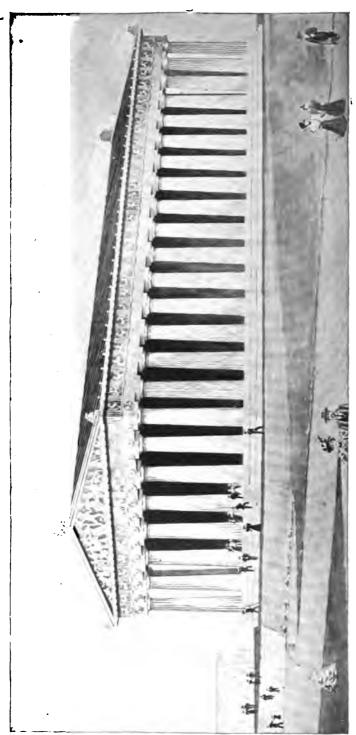
INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION.

No more opportune time could have been chosen for holding a convention of Sigma Chi in the South than the present summer, and no more advantageous place of meeting could have been selected than Nashville. Nashville, for many reasons, is a city of interest to all Americans; it is probably the most thoroughly American city in the United States. This is not only shown by statistics, but is evident to the careful observer. The names of the shop-keepers are American, and only among the fruit-dealers and other small tradesmen will you find a large number of foreigners. The customs of the people are American; not until within the last few years has even the German beer-garden—that importation, which has become so popular throughout the North—been introduced into this section and the rise of its popularity has been slow, though it is now firmly established.

Nashville is an historic city. Here on the hills, in whose valley nestles the Capitol of Tennessee, were fought some of the bloodiest engagements of the Civil War. Only a short time ago the survivors of the southern army celebrated their annual reunion in Nashville. In peace they walked where once they had marched in war. In the same rank and file were borne the colors of the Union and the "stars and bars" of the Confederacy, in token of reunited hearts and purposes and restored allegiance. Federal soldiers joined in welcoming men who had fought for a principle and had lost.

What a contrast with the scene thirty and more years ago! Forest gone; the tents of soldiers replaced by magnificent buildings; sorrow and desolation succeeded by joy and plenty; enemies gathered on their battle-field as friends and partners in happiness. Only a few miles away Hood's men were beaten; eighteen miles to the south the fierce battle of Franklin was waged; and these men, many of whom have revisited these places now for the first time, come together again in new scenes, where death is life and destruction is prosperity and beauty.

The city's environments are attractive for the lover of nature. The city is situated in the heart of a beautiful hill country; not a country like Wordsworth's, delicate and softened by man's hand, but bold and rugged—more beautiful as a strong frank face reveals a deeper soul than



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does a countenance delicate and pretty but lacking the bold strength of a manly character. A feathery, hazy atmosphere that gives gorgeous colors and delicate tints at sunset and softens the green of the grass and trees; wool-white cumulous clouds; the deepest turquoise skies; this is the land that James Lane Allen visited and dreamed of, awake all night. And here lies Tennessee's Capitol in

"A shadowy nest of hills
That are almost low-browed mountains;
Where the breathing summer fills
All the deep hearts of our valleys
With a sapphire's glimmering light,
Where a golden river glitters
Through each blue, burnt August night."

Mr. Nathaniel Stevenson quoted these lines in his magnificent description of this country, and closing one of his paragraphs, he says: "On a day in spring, with inconstant sunshine glimmering across the world, stabbing suddenly point after point and trailing a light that is soft bluegray, the succession of sunshine and shadow along both slopes of the valley is like a panorama in a dream."

But the feature that makes this summer the best for holding our convention here, is the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, which was opened on the first day of May. Since then, Nashville has been in continual gala attire, entertaining convention after convention and having among its visitors such distinguished men as President McKinley and his cabinet, and a large party of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. To forestall those who will immediately begin to compare the Centennial Exposition with the World's Fair at Chicago—everybody admits without any feeling of jealousy that the Columbian Exposition was vastly the larger; but, when visitors have seen the grounds and buildings and exhibits, the general opinion is that in artistic arrangement and architecture the Tennessee Exposition should be awarded the palm.

The Parthenon, the art building of the Centennial, is undoubtedly the greatest building ever erected for an exposition. It is an exact reproduction of the original temple at Athens. Even the pediment and the frieze have been copied and the triglyphs have been ornamented in the original coloring. With the taste that has characterized all the arrangements of the grounds and buildings, this magnificent type of architecture has been used as the center about which to group the other buildings and, situated on a high terrace, it forms an inspiring picture. One is reminded of the time when all nations looked to Athens as the

supreme mistress in wisdom and culture, and he feels that it is wonderfully appropriate that this ancient monument to Greek art should be the commanding figure of such a group of noble buildings. About the Parthenon, on the slope of the terrace, have been laid out flower-beds in the shape of the badges of the different Greek letter fraternities represented at Vanderbilt University, and you will be glad to know that Sigma Chi has obtained the most desirable spot, the space on the right of the east entrance to the Parthenon.

It will be impossible to dwell on each building. All of them are very appropriately designed for the purposes for which they were intended. The largest buildings are Machinery Hall, Minerals and Forestry Building, the Negro Building, Agriculture Building, Commerce Building, Transportation Building, the Auditorium, the Woman's Building, the Government Building, the Children's Building, History Building and the Education Building. There is a large number of state and city buildings and many that are devoted to private enterprises.

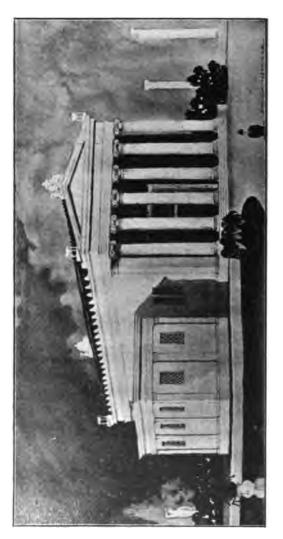
There is one thing about this exposition which makes it more pleasant to visit than any similar exposition that has been produced in the United States. At the Columbian Exposition and the Atlanta Exposition there was very little beauty of landscape to rest the eyes. Unless you wore gogles you were compelled to suffer continually from the glare of the white buildings and bare patches of earth. Here will be found the white buildings, but when your eyes are wearied you can turn them to broad expanses of green lawn or upon the foliage of the shade trees that are to be found all over the grounds. There were no trees at Chicago nor at Atlanta, but there are about two thousand large maples and other varieties on the premises of the Centennial. Then there are lakes and streams and waterfalls and fountains that complete the land-scape.

A new feature is the Rialto on Lake Watauga with its little booths and its Venetian tradesmen. At night the picturesqueness of this famous bridge is greatly enhanced by the electric illuminations, red and blue incandescent lights; and the gondolas, their tall, silent pilots standing erect in the stern, glide beneath the arch without a splash or the swish of steam propellor; only the almost noiseless dip of the long, slender oar breaks the stillness, and as it falls like music upon the ear one sinks restfully into the velvet cushions and feels that now, if never before, all the world is peaceful.

The military parade ground has become one of the most popular resorts within the grounds. Every morning at nine o'clock the troops encamped at the Exposition go on guard mount and at five in the after-



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noon the dress parades are given. Since the first of June four companies of United States regulars from Ft. Thomas have been here, and there is always a regiment of state militia, either of Tennessee or from a neighboring state. For the past two months more than 500 soldiers have been encamped and the villages of white canvas that have sprung up on East Side form one of the prettiest scenes on the grounds.

But after the visitor has seen all the wonders of the Government Building, the beauty of the Woman's building, the magnificent displays of Commerce and Transportation, and the splendid collection of paintings and statuary in the Parthenon, he has yet before him the pleasures of the Centennial's "Midway," which has been named "Vanity Fair." A perfect Bedlam it is: Chinese and Egyptians and the black man from Dahomey, Germans and French and "Japs," "spielers" of the first water, good bands and foreign bands that are not good, every kind and shape of human being, every old and new noise that has found its way here from abroad or has had its origin in inventive America—all talking, screaming, howling, bellowing, screeching at once. If confusion of races, mobs of people and an absolute unconventionality furnish a good opportunity for a study of the human race, the anthropologist should spend his days in "Vanity Fair." What a rendezvous it has been for the college boys. The Streets of Cairo have been most popular and every night until the wee small hours one can hear the mingled "Loooo-k ou-u-ut" of the camel drivers and the "Vanderbilt, Rah, Rah!" of the students from Vanderbilt University, which is situated only a few blocks away.

Among the most interesting places in "Vanity Fair" are the Giant See-Saw, which raises you to a height hardly less than 200 feet, the Blue Grotto, the Edison Mirage, the Streets of Cairo, the Cyclorama, showing the Battle of Gettysburg, the Moorish Palace, the Chinese Village and Beauty Show, the Old Plantation, the Palace of Illusions, the Gladish Wheel, the Chutes, the Phantom Swing, and Gorman and Boone's Wild Animal Show, which has only been surpassed by the great Hagenback show at the World's Fair.

To those who enjoy good music the concerts in the Auditorium afford a splendid opportunity for a gratification of this passion. The Music Committee, of which Brother William L. Dudley is chairman, has spent \$60,000 for concert bands. Bellstedt, of Cincinnati, was here during June, and Innes, of New York, is now serving a two-month's engagement. Victor Herbert who succeeded the renowned Gilmore, will follow Innes and it is probable that a light opera company that is now playing in New York, will be here for a month. A magnificent organ has been

placed in the Auditorium and recitals are given by the best artists in the South.

In speaking of the Centennial Exposition, President McKinley said: "I was astonished at the extent of your exposition. It is vastly larger and grander than than I had anticipated, and reflects credit on the nation as well as on Tennessee. It is especially beautiful under the night illuminations. I have never witnessed a sight more entrancing. It shows like a vision of dreamland." The beauty of the illuminations has been one of the greatest attractions of the Exposition, and it has been generally conceded that in this respect the Centennial surpasses the Columbian Exposition. It is indeed, as the President said: "like a vision of dreamland." Incandescent lights have been placed along the sharp edges of the buildings and all the lines of the towers and the pediments. The Rialto has been furnished with colored lights and their reflection in the lake adds wonderfully to the charm of the Venetian scene.

Nashville has been the Mecca of a large number of fraternities during the present year. The following fraternities have already held conventions here or will come later: Delta Kappa Epsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Chi. Most of them had a day appointed for them at the Exposition and the Centennial has verily been captured by the college Greeks.

August, the twenty-eighth, has been set apart as Sigma Chi Day and the Exposition Company will arrange a special programme, in so far as it will be expedient. We can have Sigma Chi music by the band and some set pieces in the fire-works. Later there will be a Sigma Chi luncheon or smoker in the Casino or at the roof-garden, if we so desire, and then we'll see "Vanity Fair" in a body.

Five Sigs are connected with the Exposition. Brother William L. Dudley has been a member of the Executive Committee from the beginning and is chairman of several committees. When the Exposition opened, the Board of Directors petitioned the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University to release him for the remainder of the year from his duties as Professor of Chemistry, and immediately upon the granting of the request, he was elected Director of Affairs. Brother William D. Rhea, Alpha Psi, '95, has been Assistant Engineer for two years, and the beautiful arrangement of the grounds is largely his work. Brother Earl Wilson, Alpha Psi, '97, is connected with the Concessions Department and Brother Lovelace, Alpha Psi, '98, is with the Bureau of Promotion and Publicity. Brother Theodore Brewer, Alpha Psi, '96, is the Louisville Dispatch's Exposition Correspondent.

GRIFFIN M. LOVELACE, Alpha Psi, '98. Nashville, Tenn., July 1, 1897.



WILLIAM LOFLAND DUDLEY.

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Few men who know anything of Sigma Chi, or of Vanderbilt University, or of Nashville, or of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, are unacquainted with William Lofland Dudley. Whenever there is need of a courteous polished gentleman, of a wise counsellor, of a man of learning and ability, it has become a natural thing for both Vanderbilt and Nashville men to turn to Dr. Dudley, as he is most familiarly known. At present the Centennial claims his services, as Director of Affairs, a member of the Board of Directors, and as one of the Executive Committee.

For the past eleven years Brother Dudley has held the chair of chemistry in Vanderbilt, and it is due to the generous spirit of the University that the Exposition is enjoying a six months' loan of his services. Had the loan been asked for a longer period, it is morally certain that his University friends and associates would have arisen in their jealous might and emphatically said "no." Notwithstanding the burden of his time with many and perplexing cares, the Doctor is as ready and willing as ever to lend a hand to any enterprise projected for the benefit of Vanderbilt, or to listen to the "tale of woe," or merriment, as it may be, of the humblest student in college.

Not the least of Dr. Dudley's virtues, as all who attend the Grand Chapter meeting in August will see, is his enthusiastic interest in the affairs of Sigma Chi. He was initiated at the University of Cincinnati in 1878. Zeta Psi may claim him by right of birth, but he is now, and has been since our organization nearly six years ago, a naturalized citizen of Alpha Psi. To his assistance, advice and influence Alpha Psi has turned both in the hour of gloom and of success—and never in vain.

Dr. Dudley was born April 16, 1859, at Covington, Ky. His preparatory education was received in the public schools and at the Covington High School, from which he was graduated in 1876. In the following autumn he entered the University of Cincinnati. There he devoted himself largely to scientific study, his major work being in the field of chemistry. His rapid progress brought him into early recognition, and, in 1879, at the age of twenty, he was tendered the position of demonstrator of chemistry in the Miami Medical College. In 1880 the young scientist was made Professor of Analytical Chemistry in Miami College, and later he was elected to the chair of Chemistry and Toxicology in the same institution. He obtained the degree of M. D. in 1885. The Board

of Trust in 1886 elected him to the Professorship of Chemistry in Vanderbilt, and in the Fall of that year he came to Nashville to enter upon the work which he still holds. In 1895, when the medical department of the University was reorganized and established in its elegant and complete new building, Dr. Dudley was chosen Dean. He holds this position in addition to his chair in the Academic and Engineering departments. His career at Vanderbilt has been brilliant. ability and tact in the direction of affairs have made him one of the most prominent members of the faculty. It is, however, in his chosen field of chemistry that he has gained his most valued and enduring reputa-As a chemist Dr. Dudley is known throughout America, while his special researches have attracted attention beyond the seas. love from boyhood has been for chemistry. Notwithstanding objections of his father and friends, he steadily persisted in following his scientific bent, and as a natural consequence this determination, coupled with rare native ability, has carried him to success. Dr. Dudley belongs to the world's best scientific societies, and has held positions of prominence in many of them. Among them may be mentioned: the German Chemical Society of Berlin, Society of Chemical Industry of England, American Institute of Mining Engineers, Engineering Association of the South. Of the last named he was president in 1805. He is also a fellow of the Chemical Society of England, and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 1888 he was secretary of the Chemical section of the American Association, and in 1889 he was chairman of that section and vice-president of the association. He is a fellow of the American Chemical Society, president of the Cincinnati section, and a member of the council of that society. In 1887 he was a member of the United States Assay Commission. Among the many papers written by Dr. Dudley for the scientific journals of this country and England are: "Holland's Process for Melting Iridium," "Iridium," "The Iridium Industry," "Water Crystallization," "Production of Catharsis by Hypodermatic Medication," "The Poisonous Effects of Cigarette Smoking," "Some Modification of the Method of Organic Analysis by Combustion," "The Nature of Amalgams" (address at Toronto meeting of American Association for the Advancement of Science), "A Curious Occurence of Vivianite," "The Colors and Absorbtion," "The Electrode Deposition," "The Action of Gaseous Hydrochloric Acid on the Platinum Metals," "Nickelo-Nickelic Hydrate." There are otherstoo many in number for the perusal of the lay reader.

Dr. Dudley is a man of the world in the best sense of the term; that is to say, he is not a mere bookish man, but one who mingles with men

and who is interested in all that pertains to progress and to the accomplishment of practical ends. For three years he was a commissioner of the Cincinnati Industrial Exposition, and in 1884 he was its second vice-president. His connection with that and with similar affairs made him one of the first of the Directors selected by the projectors of the Tennessee Centennial. Tried as a director his capacity and performance of duty won for him the responsible position which he now holds as Director of Affairs.

It goes without saying at Vanderbilt that Dr. Dudley is popular with the students. This popularity, as may be surmised, is due to more than the mere fact that he is one of the most entertaining lecturers in college. It is largely the result of his interest in athletics, musical organizations, and student enterprises in general. He is a staunch advocate of pure and wholesome sport. As president of the Vanderbilt Athletic Association he has done much in the direction of elevating our athletics. Under his lead Vanderbilt has become a most influential factor in the athletic world. The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, composed of the principal Southern colleges, yearly persists in retaining him as its president. No less expert authority on athletics than Caspar Whitney, of Harper's Weekly, has attributed the reformation of Southern college sports more to the influence of William L. Dudley than to that of any other man.

Several years ago Dr. Dudley took up the 'Varsity Glee Club, which was languishing as a mere local affair, and by judicious management and constant personal financial aid, made it a high-class college organization, so that to-day its reputation throughout the South is equal to that of the best Eastern clubs. Its Christmas tours now cover from 1,500 to 2,000 miles. The Doctor is also heartly interested in all student publications and journalistic enterprises. Reference is made to these features of his college life simply to show that side of the man which is in full sympathy with all legitimate pleasures and recreations of young men.

Physically Dr. Dudley is of a strikingly handsome appearance, perhaps a little above the average height, heavily built, yet well proportioned. A touch of gray which has fallen prematurely upon his full brown beard, is by no means to be regretted. In the social circle there is a charm about the Doctor which is easily appreciated but which cannot be captured by the pen. A versatile conversationalist, well travelled, conversant with the best of the modern languages, a critic of art and music, and above all else possessed of the true spirit of hospitality, as either host or guest, he is a most excellent companion. Rarely does the day or the week pass in which he is not entertaining or being enter-

tained by a group of friends. He is a member of the IV Club, a famous organization in Vanderbilt, formed several years ago by himself and three other bachelor professors. There he dwells in comfortable apartments in true bachelor style, seemingly indifferent both to the protestations of his friends and to the periodical rumors that he is about to abandon the club for a dual existence. He is a prime favorite as "best man" at weddings, and it is perhaps in the continuous exercise of that function that he has grown callous.

In the whole we venture to say there is no finer Sig in the land than William Lofland Dudley. We are proud of him and this sketch, imperfectly as it may portray the Doctor, not only expresses the sentiment of the writer, but also of every man who has ever belonged to Alpha Psi.

Theodore H. Brewer,

Nashville, Tenn.

Alpha Psi, '96.

THE INITIATES OF THE YEAR 1896-97.

FIRST PROVINCE.

*EPSILON-COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name. Home

Home Address.

Date of Initiation.

—— Fowler,
DeWitt C. Croissant,
Francis A. Ruggles,
Harry C. Coburn,
Horace V. Conly,

Total initiates for the year, 5. Total initiates in 1895-96, 4.

THETA-PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG, PA.

David Dale,	Lemont, Centre Co.,	Sept.	5, '96.
George W. Loudon,	Altoona, Pa.,	Sept.	5, '96.
Wm. Frank Rosensteel,	Johnstown, Pa.,	Sept.	5, '96.
Archibald Munroe, Jr.,	Lock Haven, Pa.,	Sept.	12, '96.
Newton Fredericks,	Lock Haven, Pa.,	Sept.	12, '96.
Henry Wolf Biklé,	Gettysburg, Pa.,	Jan.	5, '97.
Wm. Gideon Leisenring,	Chambersburg, Pa.,	June	2, '97.
Alexander Hay O'Neal,	Gettysburg, Pa.,	June	2, '97.

Total initiates for the year, 8. Total initiates in 1895-96, 4.

KAPPA-BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, LEWISBURG, PA.

Sam'l Wittenmyer,	Middleburg, Pa.,	Sept. 18, '96.
B. H. Trimmer,	York Springs, Pa.,	Sept. 26, '96.
G. C. Rogers,	Muncy, Pa.,	Sept. 26, '96.
Robert Grant,	Ridgway, Pa.,	Nov. 24, '96.
J. O. Hackenburg,	Milton, Pa.,	Jan. 27, '97.

Total initiates for the year, 5. Total initiates in 1895-96, 3.

^{*}No report received. Taken from the two chapter letters received from Epsilon during the year.

OMICRON-DICKINSON COLLEGE, CARLISLE, PA.

No initiations this year.

Total initiates in 1895-96, 3.

*PHI PHI—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Joseph Houston,

Thomas Flavell

Lewis A. Dewing,

Perry Wentz,

Theodore E. Connell,

Ezra Hoy Connell, Norman Risley,

Clifford B. Parker,

ifford B. Parker,

Scranton, Pa., Scranton, Pa.,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

Pittsburg, Pa.,

Lancaster, Pa.,

Carbondale, Pa.,

Montgomery Co.,

Sunbury, Pa.,

Marietta, Pa.,

Ambler,

Total initiates for the year, 8. Total initiates in 1895-96, 5.

ALPHA RHO-LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, SOUTH BETHLEHEM, PA.

Percy L. Reed,

Edmund T. Satchell,

Louis B. Abbott,

Arthur B. Anderson,

Total initiates for the year, 4. Total initiates in 1895-96, 3.

ALPHA CHI-PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

Roland Diller,

Walter Hardie Finley,

Charley Quiggle Weekes, Paul Collins Haldeman,

James M. David,

Total initiates for the year, 5.

Total initiates in 1895-96, 4.

Total number in First Province, 35.

Total number in First Province in 1895-96, 19.

SECOND PROVINCE.

ZETA-WASHINGTON AND LEE, LEXINGTON, VA.

Norman S. Fitzhugh,

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 12, '96.

New Bedford, Mass., Oct. 17, '96.

New Holland, Pa., Nov.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 13, '96.

Oct. 17, '96.

Oct. 24, '96.

Nov. 14, '96.

Feb. 13, '97.

Feb. 13, '97.

^{*}No report received. Taken from the four chapter letters received from Phi Phi during the year.

Gabriel Benoist Shields, Lexington, Va., Sept. 19, '96. Total initiates for the year, 2. Total initiates in 1895-96, 2.

*TAU-ROANOKE COLLEGE, SALEM, VA.

E. B. Hubbard,	Salem, Va.,	Sept. 16, '96.
B. B. Reynand,	New Orleans, La.,	Sept. 26, '96.
Wm. A. Brown,	Danville, Va.,	Oct. 29, '96.
J. M. Hamilton,	Lisbon, Ohio,	Mar. 11, '97.
R. L. Griffith,	<pre> Hague, Westmoreland Co.,</pre>	Mar. 12, '97.
Total initiates for the year, 5.	•	

Total initiates in 1895-96, 10*.

PSI-UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

W. A. Martin,	Chattanooga, Tenn.,	Sept. 21, '96.
A. W. Moore,	Chester, S. C.,	Oct. 17, '96.
H. S. Penn,	Reidsville, N. C.,	Sept. 21, '96.
Robt. Porter,	Glasgow, Ky.,	Sept. 21, '96.
Henry Schoolfield,	Danville, Va.,	Oct. 17, '96.
J. C. Silliman,	Charlottesville, Va.,	Sept. 21, '96.
Total initiates for the year, 6.		

Total initiates in 1895-96, 5.

GAMMA GAMMA-RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE, ASHLAND, VA.

Benj. H. Owens,	Portsmouth, Va.,	Oct.	1, '97.
Total initiates for year, 1.			
Total initiates in 1895-96, 2.			

SIGMA SIGMA - HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE, HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA.

S. M. Mason,	Yorkville, S. C.,	Oct. 14, '93.
D. T. Stuart,	Mobile, Ala.,	Sept. 19, '96.
E. B. Herndon, Jr.,	Shreveport, La.,	Sept. 20, '96.
T. H. Wyly,	Atlanta, Ga.,	Oct. 10, '96.
Thomas Beese English, Jr.,	Hampden-Sidney,	•
Total initiator for the year of		

Total initiates for the year, 5. Total initiates in 1895-96, 1.

ALPHA TAU-UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

Wm. David Simpson,	Monroe, N. C.,	Sept.	20, '96.
Chas. J. O'Hogan, Jr.,	Greenville, N. C.,	Oct.	3, '96.

^{*}Tau was revived in 1896 and these ten men were the petitioners for the charter.

Louis E. Hall, Wilmington, N. C., Oct.

Total initiates for the year, 3. Total initiates in 1895-96, 7.

Total number in Second Province, 22.

Total number in Second Province in 1895-96, 32.

THIRD PROVINCE.

ALPHA-MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO.

Earl H. Watt,
Claud D. Wilson,
Chas. F. Kline,
Granville Barrere,
Geo. M. Hayner,
Lewis Hayner,
Lewis Thompson,

Total initiates for the year, 7. Total initiates in 1895-96, 11.

Chilicothe, Ohio, Hamilton, Ohio, Portsmouth, Ohio, Hillsboro, Ohio, Dayton, Ohio, Dayton, Ohio, Dayton, Ohio, 3, '96.

GAMMA-OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE, OHIO.

E. O. Devore,	Woodsfield, Ohio,	Mar. 20, '97.
E. O. Irish,	Haverhill, Ohio,	Jan. 16, '97.
S. J. Tickle,	Des Moines, Iowa,	Mar. 30, '97.
J. A. Chase,	Bulksport, Maine,	Sept. 22, '96.
E. L. Domigan,	Galena, Ohio,	Sept. 27, '96.
G. S. Runyon,	Mansfield, Ohio,	Jan. 16, '97.
J. L. Thalman,	Batavia, Ohio,	Jan. 30, '97.
O. O. Koeppel,	Delaware, Ohio,	May 17, '97.
Geo. E. Butler,	Effingham, Ill.,	May 17, '97.
DeWitt Leas,	Delaware, Ohio,	Sept. 27, '96.

Total initiates for the year, 10. Total initiates in 1895-96, 4.

Total initiates in 1895-96, 6.

MU-DENISON UNIVERSITY, GRANVILLE, OHIO.

Nathan W. Brown,

Ralph Y. Struble,

Howard Lewis,

Hubert L. Sample,

Harry Davis,

Total initiates for the year, 5.

Dayton, Ohio,

Fredricktown, Ohio,

Fredricktown, Ohio,

Sept. 25, '96.

Granville, Ohio,

Sept. 25, '96.

Sept. 25, '96.

Newark, Ohio,

Dec. 11, '96.

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ZETA ZETA-CENTRE COLLEGE, DANVILLE, KY.

E. T. Smith,	Danville, Ky.,	Nov. 24, '96.
W. R. McGaffin,	Harrodsburg, Ky.,	Fall of '96.
W. B. Stanfield,	Mayfield, Ky.,	Nov. 24, '96.
H. G. Shearin,	Danville, Ky.,	Feb. 13, '97.
E. F. McElroy,	Springfield, Ky.,	Sept. '96.
Total initiates for the year, 5.		
Total initiates in 1895-96, 5.	•	
ZETA PSI-UNIVERSITY OF (CINCINNATI, CINCINNA	ATI, OHIO.
Russel Wilson,	Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, Ohio,	Oct. 10, '97.
Clifford Shinkle,	Covington, Ky.,	Oct. 10, '97.
Joe Ratcliff,	Dayton, Ohio,	Oct. 10, '97.
Edward Stuart,	Avondale, Cincinnati, Ohio,	Oct. 10, '97.
Walter Murray,	Price Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio,	Dec. 23, '97.

Total initiates for the year, 5. Total initiates in 1895-96, 6.

LAMBDA LAMBDA-KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE, LEXINGTON, KY.

R. K. Maddochs,	Carrolton, Ky.,	Sept. 29, '96.
E. L. Lyle,	Lexington, Ky.,	Sept. 26, '96.
J. M. Graves, Jr.,	Lexington, Ky.,	Dec. '96.
Perry West,	Nickolasville, Ky.,	Jan. '97.
Jos. F. Musselman,	Lexington, Ky.,	Dec. '96.
Benj. T. Bosworth,	{ Fort Springs, { Fayette Co., Ky.,	Sept. 29, '96.

Total initiates for the year, 6. Total initiates in 1895-96, 4.

MU MU-WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

B. F. Shuttleworth,	Clarksburg, W. Va., Sept. 1	19, '96.
A. P. Romine,	Johnstown, W. Va., Oct.	9, '96.
C. C. Jarvis,	Clarksburg, W. Va., Oct.	9, '96.
John W. Hugus,	Elm Grove, W. Va., Jan. 2	23, '97.
A. Lee Post,	Good Hope, W. Va., Jan. 2	23, '97.
John H. Shisler,	Morgantown, W. Va., May	17, '97.
James I. Pratt,	BeechGrove, W. Va., May	7, '97.
B. H. Trussell,	Shepherdst'n, W. Va. May	7, '97.

Total initiates for the year, 8. *Total initiates in 1895-96, 12.

^{*}In addition to these twelve there were eleven men on petition for charter who were not included in annotator's report.

ALPHA GAMMA-OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Daniel M. McDonald,	Wellsville, Ohio,	Oct.	'96.
Paul Hardy,	Columbus, Ohio,	Oct.	' 96.
Fred Jeffrey,	Columbus, Ohio,	Nov.	23, '96.
Wm. C. Dakin,	Sabina, Ohio,	Feb.	19, '97.
Walter M. Fickes,	Steubenville, Ohio,	Feb.	19, '97-
Emmet Lacey,	Col. Barracks, U.S. A.	Mar.	10, '97.
John Lindsay,	Salineville, Ohio,	Apr.	17, '97-

Total initiates for the year, 7.

Total initiates in 1895-96, 3.

Total number in Third Province, 53.

Total number in Third Province in 1895-96, 51.

FOURTH PROVINCE.

*LAMBDA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON, IND.

Bayard Keeney,
Will Mitchell,
Edward Davis,
Kline,
Horace W. Pugh,
Fred Batman,

Rising Sun, Ind., Martinsville, Ind., Rising Sun, Ind., Scottsburg, Ind., Terre Haute, Ind., Bedford, Ind.,

Total initiates for the year, 6. Total initiates in 1895-96, 9.

XI-DE PAUW UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, IND.

Peter E. Studebaker,	South Bend, Ind.,	Oct.	3, '96.
Edward L. Morgan,	Chesterton, Ind.,	Oct.	3, '96.
Elvin H. Carter,	Plainfield, Ind.,	Oct.	3, '96.
Arthur O. Peterson,	Chesterton, Ind.,	Oct.	3, '96.
Fred H. Cole,	Woodville, Ind.	Oct.	3, '96.
Chas. W. Von Weise,	Greenville, Ill.,	Feb.	1, '97.
Paul Lyon Reid,	Sullivan, Ind.,	Feb.	1, '97.
Henry Lane,	•		

Fred Starr,

Total initiates for the year, 9.

Total initiates in 1895-96, 7.

^{*}No report received. Taken from the two chapter letters received from Lambda during the year.

RHO-UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IRVINGTON, IND.

Charley Coopes,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	Nov.	13, '96
Samuel Dyson,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	Nov.	13, '96
Joe Sweeney,	Columbus, Ind.,	Mar.	1, '97
James Braden,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	Mar.	26, '97.
David Cale,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	Sept.	24, '96.
Clint Wallace,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	Sept.	24, '97.
Ned Powell,	Irvington, Ind.,		

Total initiates for the year, 7. Total initiates in 1895-96, 3.

CHI-HANOVER COLLEGE, HANOVER, IND.

E. O. Heuse,	Madison, Ind.,	Oct. 17, '96.
A. T. Schley,	Amanda, Ohio,	Oct. 24, '96.
H. D. Britan,	Hanover, Ind.,	Dec. 4, '96.
John Boden,	Chicago, Ill.,	June 11, '97.
L. C. Needham,	Chicago, Ill.,	June 11, '97.
Total initiates for the year, 5.		•
Total initiates in 1895-96, 2.		

DELTA DELTA-PURDUE UNIVERSITY, LA FAYETTE, IND.

Martin Washington Earhart,	La Fayette, Ind.,	Oct.	6, '96.
Brent Achilles Tozzer,	Fern Bank, Ohio,	Oct.	9, '96.
Albert Edward Gilman,	Ottawa, Ill.	Oct.	9, '96.
Mark West McGaffey,	Pittsburg, Penn.,	Oct.	9, '96.
Albert Hugh Bryan,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	Oct.	9, '96.
Adolph Burgess Schleicher,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	Jan.	15, '97.
Robert Morris Evans,	Fort Wayne, Ind.,	Mar.	10, '97.
Roy Claiborne Rickley,	Ottawa, Ill.,	May	15, '97.
Charles Forrest Flynn,	Oak Park, Ill.,	May	15, '97.
Aloysius John Rumely,	La Porte, Ind.,	May	15, '97.
Ralph Aldrich Bond,	Fort Wayne, Ind.,	May	15, '97.

Total initiates for the year, 11.

Total initiates in 1895-96, 8.

Total number in Fourth Province, 38.

Total number in Fourth Province in 1895-96, 29.

FIFTH PROVINCE.

OMEGA-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILL.

Dwight Harding, Evanston, Ill., Apr. '97.

Arthur T. McIntosh,	Clear Lake, Ia.,	Apr.	'97 ·
Perry C. Pickrell,	Williamsville, Ill.,	Sept.	'96.
Fred M. Wing,	Evanston, Ill.,	Sept.	'96.
L. C. Collins, 3rd,	Chicago, Ill.,	Sept.	¹ <u>9</u> 6.
Frank Bennett,	Piqua, Ohio,	Sept.	-
Chester Sloan,	Moline, Ill.,	Sept.	•
George Seiberling,	Kokomo, Ind.,	Sept.	'96.
Total initiates for the year, 8. Total initiates in 1895-96, 7.	, ,	•	
THETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF	MICHIGAN, ANN AR	BOR, M	IICH.
Arthur D. Stansell,	Detroit, Mich.,	Jan.	21, '97.
Charles F. Delbridge,	Detroit, Mich.,	Jan.	21, '97.
Frank S. Bachelder,	St. Charles, Minn.,	Jan.	22, '97.
Hugh Law,	Flint, Mich.,	Jan.	22, '97.
LeRoy Webster,	Carthage, Mo.,	Jan.	22, '97.
Burton O. Greening,	St. Joseph, Mich.,	-	22, '97.
Ebbie G. Beuret,	Flint, Mich.,	Jan.	22, '97.
George E. Granger,	Champaign, Ill.,	Jan.	22, '97.
Arthur Roy Wren,	Muskegon, Mich.,	•	
Clarence W. Whitney,	Traverse City, Mich.,		6, '97.
Morey A. Wood,	Battle Creek, Mich.,		4, '97.
John Wistar Harris,	Ann Arbor, Mich.,	_	4, '97. 4, '97.
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Total initiates for the year, 13.

KAPPA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Reed City, Mich.,

Lawrence P. Robinson,	Rockford, Ill.,	Apr.	10, '97.
Homer E. St. John,	Rockford, Ill.,	Apr.	
James Johnson,	Champaign, Ill.,	Feb.	
Charles Johnson,	Champaign, Ill.,	Oct.	
Wm. J. Brown,	Urbana, Ill.,	Jan.	12, '97.
Geo. L. Rapp,	Carbondale, Ill.,	Feb.	6, '97.
Ralph Thompson,	Carbondale, Ill.,	Apr.	10, '97.
S. Scot Joy,	Princeton, Ill.,	Oct.	5, '96.
Charles E. Keener,	Chicago, Ill.,	Oct.	5, '96.
Horace C. Porter,	Champaign, Ill.,	Feb.	6, '97.
Paul F. A. Rudnick,	Chicago, Ill.,	Oct.	5, '96.
Frank Carson,	Urbana, Ill.,		
Clyde Matthews,			

C. S. Martin,

Paul P. Ingham,

Total initiates for the year, 14. Total initiates in 1895-96, 7.

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XI XI-UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, COLUMBIA, MO.

T. H. Wilcoxen,	Bowling Green, Mo.,	Sept. 26, '96.
S. R. Halstead,	Lawson, Mo.,	Sept. 26, '96.
Claude C. Crowley,	Lawson, Mo.,	Sept. 26, '96.
Karl Kimmel,	Leavenworth, Kas.	Oct. 10, '96.
W. R. Scudder,	Kearney, Mo.,	Oct. 17, '96.
Andrew J. Bass,	Columbia, Mo.,	Nov. 14, '96.
John H. Hatton,	Columbia, Mo.,	Dec. 5, '96.
W. B. Stewart, Jr.,	Moberly, Mo.,	Feb. 19, '97.
O. E. Schultz,	McFall, Mo.,	Feb. 20, '97.
Westley Halliburton,	Carthage, Mo.,	Mar. 13, '97.
Karl Henry Hausen,	Birmingham, Mo.,	Mar. 13, '97.
John S. Worley,	Odessa, Mo.,	Apr. 30, '97.
Total initiates for the year, 18.	(See page 203).	

OMICRON OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, ILL.

Chicago, Ill.,	Feb.	7, '97.
Osage, Iowa,	Feb.	7, '97.
Chicago, Ill.,	Feb.	7, '97.
Jefferson, Mass.,	Feb.	7, '97.
Chicago, Ill.,	Feb.	7, '97
Osage, Iowa,	Feb.	7, '97.
Chicago, Ill.,	Feb.	7, '97.
Chicago, Ill.,	Feb.	7, '97.
Attica, Ohio,		
Fort Wayne, Ind.,		
Chicago, Ill.,		
	Osage, Iowa, Chicago, Ill., Jefferson, Mass., Chicago, Ill., Osage, Iowa, Chicago, Ill., Chicago, Ill., Attica, Ohio, Fort Wayne, Ind.,	Osage, Iowa, Feb. Chicago, Ill., Feb. Chicago, Ill., Feb. Osage, Iowa, Feb. Chicago, Ill., Feb. Chicago, Ill., Feb. Chicago, Ill., Feb. Attica, Ohio, Fort Wayne, Ind.,

ALPHA ZETA-BELOIT COLLEGE, BELOIT, WIS.

Arthur H. Warner,	Washington, D. C.,	Oct.	3, '96.
John A. McCaw,	Brockville, Ont.,	Nov.	6, '96.
Frank H. Meadows,	East Troy, Wis.,	Dec.	19, '96.
Wm. Taylor Whitney,	Waterloo, Ia.,	Dec.	19, '96.
J. Walter McQueen,	McQueen, Ill.,	Dec.	19, '96.
Henry Raymond Mussey,	Atkinson, Ill.,	Dec.	19, '96.
Edmund Enright,	Janesville, Wis.,	June	14, '97.
Neil Bosworth,	Elgin, Ill.,	June	14, '97.
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Total initiates for the year, 8. Total initiates in 1895-96, 8.

UNIVERSITY, BLOOM	MINGION, ILL
Paris, Ill.,	Nov. 25, '96.
Bloomington, Ill.,	Nov. 25, '96.
Monticello, Ill.,	Feb. 6, '97.
Bloomington, Ill.,	May 6, '97.
Richwood, Ohio,	Nov. 25, '96.
	Paris, Ill., Bloomington, Ill., Monticello, Ill., Bloomington, Ill.,

William Thornhill,

Total initiates for the year, 5.

Total initiates in 1895-96, 3.

ALPHA LAMBDA-UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON, WIS.

Lee Allen Parkinson,	Madison, Wis.,	Oct.	24, '96.
Edward Albert Cook,	Madison, Wis.,	Oct.	24, '96.
Alexander V. McDonald,	Fond du lac, Wis.,	Oct.	24, '96.
Frank William Jones,	Milwaukee, Wis.,	Oct.	24, '96.
John Bernard. Kalvelage,	Milwaukee, Wis.,	Oct.	24, '96.
Daniel Hayes Murphy,	Milwaukee, Wis.,	Nov.	6, '96.
Clarence Dudley Tearse,	Winona, Minn.,	Dec.	19, '96.
Cornelius Anthony Sidler,	Milwaukee, Wis.,	May	1, '97.

Total initiates for the year, 8. Total initiates in 1895-96, 8.

ALPHA PI-ALBION COLLEGE, ALBION, MICH.

Cornelius Hamblen,	Detroit, Mich.,	Sept.	26, '96.
A. E. McClintock,	Saginaw, E.S., Mich.	Sept.	26, '96.
Lewis H. Kirby,	Kalamazoo, Mich.,	Sept.	30, '96.
W. Jay Beazen,	Mason, Mich.,	Sept.	30, '96.
R. H. Bready,	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Nov.	4, '96.
Chas. J. Bready,	Ovid, Mich.,	Nov.	4, '96.
J. J. Neufer,	Whitehall, Mich.,	Nov.	4, '96.
Frank N. Miner,	Portland, Mich.,	Feb.	4, '97.
Frank L. Parker,	Clinton, Mich.,	June	11, 97.

Total initiates for the year, 9.
Total initiates in 1895-96, 2.

ALPHA SIGMA-UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

George Brooks,	Faribault, Minn., Nov.	11, '96.
Walter L. Benedict,	Minneapolis, Minn., Nov.	11, '96.
Michael Kiefer,	Sleepy Eye, Minn., Apr.	6, '97.
Bernard S. Linné,	Red Wing, Minn., Apr.	16, '97.

Total initiates for the year, 4. Total initiates in 1895-96, 2.

Total number in Fifth Province, 98.

Total number in Fifth Province in 1895-96, 37.

SIXTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA EPSILON-UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, NEB.

George Stanley Hellier,	Nebraska City, Neb.	, Nov.	5, '96.
Robert Dallas Montgomery,	Oak, Neb.,	Nov.	5, '96.
Frank J. Gustin,	Kearney, Neb.,	Feb.	10, '97.
Louis R. Ewart,	Lincoln, Neb.,	Feb.	10, '97.
LeMonte J. Belnap,	Hastings, Neb.,	Feb.	10, '97.
Frank G. Rainey,	Brownville, Neb.,	Feb.	18, '97.
Ralph R. Rainey,	Brownville, Neb.,	Feb.	18, '97.
Clee W. Tishue,	Seward, Neb.,	Feb.	18, '97.
Ernest V. Tuttle,	Salina, Kas.		
Fred Speak,	St. Louis, Mo.,		

Total initiates for the year, 10. Total initials in 1895-96, 5.

ALPHA XI-UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, LAWRENCE, KAS.

Walter A. Lapham,	Chanute, Kas.,	Oct.	30, '96.
Arthur R. Williams,	Lawrence, Kas.,	Oct.	30, '96.
Mathew A. Smith,	Cawker City, Kas.,	Oct.	30, '96.
Harry A. Dockum,	Wichita, Kas.,	Feb.	5, '97.
Wilhoite Cates,	Chanute, Kas.,	Feb.	5, '97.
Ernest V. Tuttle,	Salina, Kas.,	May	21, '97.
Fred W. Speak,	St. Louis, Mo.,	May	24, '97.

Total initiates for the year, 7.

Total initiates in 1895-96, 7.

Total number in Sixth Province, 17.

Total number in Sixth Province in 1895-96, 12.

SEVENTH PROVINCE.

ETA-UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD, MISS.

W. T. Roane,	Oxford, Miss.,	Sept. 14, '96.
M. B. Leavell,	Oxford, Miss.,	Sept. 14, '96.
W. L. Watkins,	Aberdeen, Miss.,	Sept. 15, '96.
J. O. S. Sanders,	Charleston, Miss.,	Sept. 16, '96.
J. D. Miller,	CrystalSprings, Miss.	Sept. 16, '96.
A. M. Leigh,	Charleston, Miss.,	Sept. 19, '96.
S. R. Knox,	New Albany, Miss.,	Jan. 16, '97.
Stark Young,	Oxford, Miss.,	Dec. 12, '96.

Total initiates for the year, 8. Total initiates in 1895-96, 9.

ALPHA NU-UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Marshall Pease Graham,	Austin, Texas,	Oct.	3, '96.
Milton Howe,	Houston, Texas,	Oct.	3, '96.
F. Marion Law,	Bryan, Texas,	Oct.	3 , '96.
Adolphus R. Andrews,	Dallas, Texas,	Oct.	3, '96.
Robert W. Howell,	Bryan, Texas,	Oct.	3, '96.
Franklin E. Smith,	San Antonio, Texas,	Oct.	31, '96.
Lewis Marerick,	San Antonio, Texas,	Oct.	31, '96.
Wm. J. Lawther,	Dallas, Texas,	Oct.	31, '96.
S. T. Lowery,	San Antonio, Texas,	Dec.	8, '96.
Total initiates for the year, 9.			

Total initiates in 1895-96, 10.

ALPHA OMICRON-TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Hugh Montgomery Krumbhaar,	New Orleans, La.,	June 11, '97.
Richard Milliken Murphy,	New Orleans, La.,	June 11, '97.
Harry Forsyth,	New Orleans, La.,	June 11, '97.
Total initiates for the year		

Total initiates in 1895-96, 4.

ALPHA PSI-VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN.

William Duncan, Jr.,	Nashville, Tenn., June	, '96.
W. M. Palmer,	Murfreesboro, Tenn., Oct.	'9 6 .
James Gaines, Jr.,	Nashville, Tenn., Oct.	'96.
George E. Vaughn,	Louisville, Ky., Apr.	'97.

Total initiates for the year, 4. Total initiates in 1895-96, 2. Total number in Seventh Province, 24. Total number in Seventh Province in 1895-96, 25.

EIGHTH PROVINCE.

*ALPHA BETA-UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CAL.

Butler Bragne Minor, William Wilberforce Williams, Lawrence Van Wyke, Total initiates for the year, 3. Total initiates in 1895-96, 3.

^{*}No report received. Taken from the two chapter letters received from Alpha Beta during the year.

ALPHA UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Wm. F. Lloyd, University, Cal., Oct. 20, '96. H. B. Tebbetts, Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18, '96. A. O. Martin, University, Cal., Jan. 15, '97.

Total initiates for the year, 3. Total initiates in 1895-96, 4.

ALPHA OMEGA-STANFORD UNIVERSITY, PALO ALTO, CAL.

Frederick Chas. Gray, San Jose, Cal., Oct. 2, '96. Bernard C. Nichols, Grand Rapids, Oct. 2, '96.

Total initiates for the year, 2. Total initiates in 1895-96, 3.

Total number in Eighth Province, 8.

Total number in Eighth Province in 1895-96, 10.

NINTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA ALPHA-HOBART COLLEGE, GENEVA, N. Y.

Charles S. Foller,
D. Charles White,
Austin S. Humphrey,
Total initiates for the year, 3.
Total initiates in 1895-96, 3.

Oil City, Penn.,
Detroit, Mich.
Oct. 1, '96.
Canaseraga, N. Y.,
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ETA ETA-DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, HANOVER, N. H.

J. H. Edwards,	Middleboro, Mass.,	Dec.	18, '96.
E. M. Barker,	Plymouth, N. H.,	Dec.	18, '96.
C. E. Cake,	Decatur, Ill.,	Dec.	18, '96.
F. W. Chapman,	FranklinFalls, N. H.,	Dec.	18, '96.
A. A. Hadley,	Marion, Mass.,	Dec.	18, '96.
J. B. Hutchison,	Chicago, Ill.,	Dec.	18, '96.
R. T. Lewis,	Everett, Mass.,	Dec.	18, '96.
H. Lunt,	New York City,	Dec.	18, '96.
A. L. Newton,	Randolph, Vt.,	Dec.	18, '96.
H. W. Orcult,	Wollaston, Mass.,	Dec.	18, '96.
F. C. Smith,	Randolph, Vt.,	Dec.	18, '96.
H. C. Thayer,	Chicago, Ill.,	Dec.	18, '96.
E. S. Yeaton,	Rochester, N. H.,	Dec.	18, '96.
B. F. Prescott,	Epping, N. H.,	Dec.	18, '96.

Total initiates for the year, 14. Total initiates in 1895-96, 13.

NU NU-COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Hugh A. Brown,	Rutherford, N. J.,	Dec.	18, '96.
Harrison Clark, Jr.,	New York City,	Oct.	16, '96.
Edward James Farley,	New York City,	Nov.	'96.
William Price Heincken,	New Brighton,	Oct.	16, '96.
Pierre Frederic Irving,	Staten Island, N. Y.	Oct.	16, '96.
Louis Adolph Whitley LePrince,	New York City,	Oct.	16, '96.
Sidney Haven Putman,	New York City,	Oct.	16, '96.
William Leslie Tillotson,	Atlantic Highlands, N. J.	Oct.	16, '96.
Frederick Theodore Walser,	New Brighton, Staten Island, N.Y.	Jan.	12, '97.
James Farley McClelland,	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	Feb.	11, '97.
Eugene Herbert Wessells,	New York City,	Apr.	26, '97.
Total initiates for the year, 11.	•	_	
Total initiates in 1895-96, 3.			

ALPHA THETA—MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, BOSTON, MASS.

William Rawson Collier,	Atlanta, Ga.,	Oct. 9, '96.
Stephen Pearson Brown,	Dover, Maine,	Oct. 16, '96.
William Barlow Dwight,	Evanston, Ill.,	Nov. 6, '96.
Barton Haselton,	Rome, N. Y.,	Feb. 12, '97.
Total initiates for the year, 4.		
Total initiates in 1895-96, 8.		

ALPHA PHI-CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, N. Y.

Chas. A. Skidmore,	Milton, N. Y.,	Oct.	'96.
Chas. E. Newton,	Brooklyn, N. Y.,	Oct.	20, '96.
Joseph B. Weed,	Newark, N. J.,	Jan.	29, '97.
Alexander B. Tappen.	New York City,	June	3, '97.
Total initiates for the moon			

Total initiates for the year, 4. Total initiates in 1895-96, 6.

Total number in Ninth Province, 36.

Total number in Ninth Province in 1895-96, 33.

Grand total for the year, 331.

Grand total in 1895-96, 248.

The above statistics are somewhat incomplete owing to the failure on the part of several chapters, namely: Epsilon, Phi Phi, Lambda and Alpha Beta, to send in their reports. By referring to the letters received during the year from these defaulting chapters, substantially correct data has been obtained as to them. During the past year, three hundred and thirty-one persons have entered the order, an increase over the previous year of eighty-three—and even this statement should be qualified. Because in this year's statistics are included the membership of the new chapters, Xi Xi and Omicron Omicron, and revived Theta Theta, while on the other hand last year's showing did not include the petitioners of Phi Phi and Mu Mu. Consequently the total number of initiates for the year 1895-96 instead of being two hundred and forty-eight as then reported, approximated two hundred and sixty-five. The large number of this year is due, in a measure, to the cause above suggested, namely, the new chapters in the Fifth Province. Theta Theta, as we say, took a brace and her total number of degrees conferred stopped on the unlucky thirteen; Xi Xi, installed September, 26, 1896, with nine men, initiated during the year nine additional members; Omicron Omicron, starting February 6, 1897, with eight, has subsequently taken in three.

A report was received from the annotator of Xi Xi, but as the editor now refers to Brother George P. Adams' account of the installation of that chapter, he discovers that the said report has failed to include six of the charter members, namely: J. D. Rippey, '97, Lawson, Mo.; F. L. Young, '96, Columbia, Mo.; G. W. Crowley, '97, Lawson, Mo.; Murry Phillips, Jr., '98, New Madrid, Mo.; G. P. Adams, '98, King City, Mo.; H. H. Lotter, '97, Moberly, Mo.

While it is true that the large number of initiates during the past year has been due somewhat to our extension, it is also true that most of the chapters have found suitable material more abundant than during the previous year. The forty-seven chapters which last year initiated two hundred and forty-eight, have this year initiated two hundred and eighty-nine, an increase of forty-one. One chapter, Omicron, reports "no initiation"; Delta Delta and Omicron Omicron report eleven each; Theta Theta, thirteen; Kappa Kappa and Eta Eta, fourteen each; and Xi Xi eighteen.

The chapters in the several states initiated, respectively, the following number of persons:

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Pennsylvania30	Michigan 22
Virginia	Missouri18
North Carolina 3	Wisconsin
Ohio34	Minnesota 4
Kentucky	Nebraska 10
West Virginia 8	Kansas 7
Indiana38	Mississippi 8
Illinois38	Texas

Louisiana 3	New York18
Tennessee 4	New Hampshire14
California 8	Massachusetts 4
Last year the Ohio colleges led with a total of thirty, with Indiana	
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Last year the Ohio colleges led with a total of thirty, with Indiana only one point behind. Indiana and Illinois tie this year with thirty-eight each, and Ohio comes next with thirty-four, while Pennsylvania has thirty.

According to their residences the year's initiates are scattered over the states of the Union as follows:

Alabama I	Nebraska 8
California 5	New Hampshire 4
Georgia 2	New Jersey 3
Illinois43	New York14
Indiana32	North Carolina 4
Iowa 5	Ohio38
Kansas 8	Ontario, Canada 1
Kentucky14	Pennsylvania25
Louisiana 5	South Carolina 2
Massachusetts 6	Tennessee 3
Maine 2	Texas 9
Michigan21	Vermont 2
Minnesota 5	Virginia 8
Mississippi 7	West Virginia 9
Missouri20	Wisconsin 9

Of these, six are from Champaign; seven from Indianapolis; nine from New York and sixteen from Chicago; Dayton, New Orleans, Cincinnati and Milwaukee furnish four each. Last year Indiana led with twenty-eight, Illinois and Ohio having twenty-six each; this year Indiana dropped to third place with thirty-two, while Ohio has thirty-eight and Illinois forty-three.

THE THIRD PROVINCE CONVENTION.

Although last year's convention decided that this year's was to be held at Hanover, circumstances arose which rendered that impossible; so, Grand Praetor Bivens awarded it to the Xi chapter, which had been very anxious for it last year. Incidentally it may be said that the convention came to the opinion that a better place could not have been selected than Greencastle where the delegates met on the 13th and 14th of last May. Several weeks before the allotted time Xi sent to the chapters in the province neat programs of blue cardboard, printed in gold, promising a good time.

On the night of the 12th and morning of the 13th, the delegates arrived in the hospitable town of Greencastle and were conducted to the Belnap House by Xi's representatives, who met them at the train. After a general introduction and exchange of greetings, the delegates assembled at Xi's halls, Thursday morning. Grand Praetor Bivens was expected on the morning train but disappointed the delegates by not coming. In his absence the convention was temporarily called to order by Brother Giotto Rogers, "C" of Xi. As Lambda's delegation had not arrived, the convention shortly adjourned until 1:30 P. M. The remainder of the morning was spent in visiting the University campus.

Wednesday afternoon found us again in Xi's halls. Brother Frank Ader, an alumnus of Xi, was unanimously chosen Grand Praetor, pro tem. The committee on credentials reported the following delegates present, viz: Lambda, Harry Gerz; Xi, John D. Krewel; Rho, Jos. Sweeney; Chi, Ralph Appelwhite, Jr.; Delta Delta, A. Hugh Bryan. Besides the delegates, the following visitors from the active chapters were present: Lambda, Brothers King, Van Buskirk, Halstead, Maltby, Heyn, Weaver and Atkinson; Delta Delta, Brothers Van W. Alling and Benj. G. Fernald.

The following officers were next chosen: Pro. "C," Brother Sweeney of Rho; "A" and "T," Brother Fernald of Delta Delta; Custos, Brother Gerz of Lambda. After the transaction of some minor business of the convention, we adjourned to attend the D. P. U.—Wittenberg baseball game. Xi had provided carriages and the ladies (so necessary to a good Sig time), so had the ball game proven uninteresting, we would still have enjoyed ourselves. However, the game was a good one, and, as De Pauw won it handily, we left the field more pleased with the world

in general than before—if possible. Brother Haynes at short contributed in no small degree to De Pauw's success.

The game over, we turned the horses' heads toward Mount Meridian, arriving there at about six, after a pleasant drive of nine miles. The party of seventy then sat down to the best the Half Way House afforded—which was delicious. Supper being finished—or, more truly, devoured—Sig songs were indulged in, followed by a round of rousing Sig yells, in which the girls (who, incidentally, were prettily bedecked in blue and gold) took, by no means, an insignificant part. Signing the old visitors register was next in order, after which the time most pleasantly passed until ten, when the chaperones gave us a delicate hint that there must be an end to all good things; so we reluctantly turned homeward. Everyone had a delightful time and the function was an entire success.

Friday morning found us once more assembled. After the opening exercises, the formal programme of the convention was commenced. Brother Krewel of Xi delivered the Welcome Address in a very warm and graceful manner. He was responded to by Brother Bryan of Delta Delta. The convention then listened to the following talks: The Next Biennial, Brother Gerz of Lambda; Fraternity Extension, Brother Sweeney of Rho; Our Rivals, Brother Appelwhite of Chi.

The talks were well made and much enjoyed by all. Following this there was a lengthy discussion of most of the matters before the Fraternity at large. Bearing upon the discussion several motions were made and carried. Inasmuch as this convention was without power of legislating, these motions were summed up as the sentiment of the Fourth Province and as such are here presented to the general Fraternity. They are as follows, viz:

- I. That it is unalterably opposed to the incorporation of the Fraternity as now proposed.
- II. That Art. VIII, Sec. I, of the proposed constitution be amended in part so as to read: "No charter shall be granted unless four-fifths of the Grand Council and four-fifths of the active chapters shall vote in favor thereof."
- III. That the petition from certain students of Millsaps College be rejected.
- IV. That provisions be made allowing resignation from the Fraternity.
- V. That provision be made requiring immediate report of expulsions to the Grand Tribune, who shall have aforesaid expulsions published in both the QUARTERLY and Bulletin.

VI. That the definition of active and alumni membership be made less ambiguous.

The adoption of a whistle was also brought up but was dropped without action.

We then adjourned and in a body attended the chapel exercises of the University. President Gobin in a neat speech welcomed us. After the exercises we again made ourselves known by a resounding "Who, Who, etc," which was applauded by the students, evincing the good feeling that exists between the fraternities at De Pauw.

The convention convened for the last time Friday afternoon. It was decided that the next convention should be held with Chi, at Hanover. It was also moved and unanimously carried that the chapters of the Province instruct their delegates to the Grand Chapter to vote for Brother Frank Ader as our next Grand Praetor. A vote of thanks was tendered Xi for her splendid entertainment of the convention.

During the session greetings were received from the De Pauw chapter of Phi Kappa Psi and an invitation to attend their reception that evening. We were much gratified at their hospitality and regretted our inability to accept it. Celebrating the close of a thoroughly successful convention by the customary yell, we left the halls in the care of the decorators and florists. It was intended to have a picture of the convention taken, but on arriving at the gallery we found that the operator would have his hands full with several high school classes the remainder of the afternoon; so we had to give it up.

Friday evening we gathered with our lady friends in Xi's beautifully decorated rooms for the crowning event of the convention. Many of De Pauw's faculty with their better halves were present, as were also the Sig alumni in town. The rich and mellow music of a harp was discoursed the entire evening by an expert soloist. There were also numerous voluntary performances by the representatives of Rho and Lambda, who were quite proficient in the vocal line. Dainty refreshments were served, including Sigma Chi cream; and, with all, the time for departure arrived much too soon.

The next morming the delegates left, feeling that the convention had been a complete success and of much benefit to Sigma Chi. They were also under the impression that Xi could and did entertain royally.

Benj. G. Fernald, Delta Delta, '98.

Editorial.

This number completes Vol. XVI of the QUARTERLY and closes the editor's term of office. It is his desire to again thank those brothers who have been ever ready to aid him in the discharge of his duties. The QUARTERLY on the whole, compares most favorably with the many other fraternity magazines-in many respects it is far superior to all But, yet, in the opinion of the editor, it is not so deserving that Sigma Chi can afford to be entirely satisfied. It is not believed that any one man can, unaided, improve our magazine very much. trouble is not there, but rather with the body of the membership. While great interest is manifested in the success of the QUARTERLY, there is not that readiness of personal effort which one would expect. There is a strong tendency to allow the editor to compose as well as to edit, and a glance at the last two volumes reveals the fact that the present editor has been called upon to do a very large part of the contributing. is not said complainingly-not at all-the only thing is that it would undoubtedly be better if there could be a more miscellaneous contribution of articles by our alumni.

The Personalia Department seems to be the one to which the average alumni first turns. At times the items of that character have been scarce and some complaint has been made for that reason. But it should be borne in mind that the editor can not manufacture such items. It is made the duty of each chapter correspondent to send such news with each letter. But very few do so; consequently this department is restricted largely to the items sent in by a few alumni and to such as come within the personal observation of the editor. These failing, the department is correspondingly short.

To the editor it has been a question whether a great deal of space is not needlessly taken up by chapter letters. The letter from his own chapter is the most interesting thing to the alumnus and the one thing, aside from a hasty glance through the Personalia, that the average alumnus reads. Therefore it is not intended to be suggested that the letters be done away with. But it sometimes seems that we have gotten a false start in the method of composing such communications. These letters are frequently much longer than occasion requires—the correspondent sometimes wanders off into generalizations as to the beauty of nature and the tribulations of examinations, etc. Frequently those

sentiments are beautifully expressed, and other fraternity magazines have commented on the general excellence of our letters. But it is a question with the editor whether these letters should not be confined to a plain recital of facts without any rhetorical embellishment and elaboration. More than forty pages are occupied by these letters and because of the time necessary to read them very few of the alumni or active members read even a small portion of them. On the other hand if confined to a bare recital, a much larger number would read very nearly all the letters because, instead of forty pages, there would be probably twenty. Thus would be obtained a more general knowledge of the Fraternity.

The editor has hesitated to attempt to inaugurate this style for fear that the general sentiment of the Fraternity prefers the present method. In addition to the probable more general reading of the news which would result from the change, there would be a vast saving of space. On the other hand it is probably a good training for the boys to write letters for the QUARTERLY-a thing not to be easily sacrificed. It is useless to discuss the question of the great carelessness with which the letters are It has been hammered at for years; but there is no improvement. Succeeding editors may just as well accept the situation and spare themselves all effort looking toward reform—it is impossible. the boys would be careful as to one thing, all the other lapses would be The most trying thing is the attempt to decipher the proper names. And the most exasperating thing is to hear complaints because names are misspelled. It is so natural to blame the editor for the mistake. It never occurs to the complainant that the error is due to the illegible writing of his chapter correspondent. We have been sorely tempted at times to refuse to accept communications and to return the same to the writer. But doubts as to the wisdom of this course have caused a restraint of the impulse. It might be a wise plan to inaugurate. A letter returned with an explanation of the reason therefore would tend to make the writer more careful and would give him a better idea of what is expected.

In an editorial in the last number it was suggested that an Exchange Editor be provided. The idea has been favorably received and the advantages are so apparent that further comment on the subject is unnecessary.

In conclusion we wish to repeat what has before been said in reference to the difficulties of the editor's position. At times it is a very trying office to hold. It is a delicate thing to cut a contributed article all to pieces, especially where such article comes from an older person.

But the limitations of space occasionally require condensation. An explanation of the situation has generally—always, I may say, excepting one case—been apparently quite satisfactory to the contributor. Some one must accept the responsibility of harmonizing the demands for space and the amount thereof at hand. If the editor had to print everything offered, the treasury would be bankrupt in short time. If it were possible we would be happy to allow everybody just as much space as desired.

Again it frequently happens that matter is included which should not appear. A flippant style is sometimes used. Slang is occasionally indulged in. A bold candor in description of revelries is adopted, the result of which would be an impression upon the part of innocent and unknowing persons that we connive at bad practices. What is to be done? Surely no one can wish such things to appear in the QUARTERLY, and they have been uniformly omitted. All this is especially true of chapter letters. Sometimes, and it is said in all kindness, the assertions of the boys are entirely too broad. In such cases it seemed to the editor that the chapter would be placed in a false light, and the objectionable expressions have been eliminated. The correspondent does not always place himself in the position of a comparative stranger and thus realize the effect his words will have. If a realization of the extravagance of occasional claims could only be brought home to the boys they would eternally thank the person who saved them from the embarassing position. And, at all events, the editor has attempted to do his duty as he saw it. Some one mind must control, and in cases of difference in judgment, the person made responsible by his election to the office of editor-in-chief should not hesitate to rely on his own sense of the proper thing and act accordingly.

OUR FINANCES.

The committee on constitutional revision has not made its report on amendments to statutes, so that it is not yet known what may be suggested in the way of financial legislation. The editor understands that there is to be a general re-adjustment of the rate of distribution to the various funds. There has been a deficiency in the QUARTERLY fund, while, so we are informed, there is unexpended quite a proportion of the amount set aside for executive expense. For a re-adjustment of these matters, the Fraternity will look to the Grand Quaestor. But there are certain questions which the delegates to the convention might advantageously consider, and upon which they should instruct the financial committee of the Grand Chapter.

It is axiomatic that a fraternity, ambitious to maintain itself in the first class, must provide its chapters with houses. If Sigma Chi expects

to keep abreast with its competitors it must recognize the situation and take measures to meet its requirements. Feeling that the time had come when something had to be done to satisfy the demand for chapter houses, the editor at the last Grand Chapter presented a plan which in effect provided that each active member should pay a certain amount annually into a fund to be known as the Chapter House Sinking Fund; and in addition thereto that each future initiate obligate himself to pay into this fund a certain amount annually for a definite period after graduation. It was further suggested that similar promises be obtained from the present membership of the Fraternity, it being thought that these promises would be voluntarily and gladly made. Under a rule that scheme was referred to the finance committee, which did provide for the establishment of such a fund. Instead, however, of providing for a definite amount to be paid by each active and alumni member, the committee reported in favor of setting aside a certain definite proportion of all the receipts for the benefit of this fund. And in addition to that proportion of the entire receipts a small assessment for this particular fund was made against each initiate. No provision was made for alumni dues. Another fund, "the railway expense fund" was established at the same time, to which another definite portion of the entire receipts, twice as large as that to the chapter house fund, was to be given.

This legislation fairly presents the old question, whether an annual assessment should not be made against alumni members. The idea is an old one, having originated with ex-Grand Consul Walter L. Fisher, and has been more or less before Fraternity for a number of years.

The editor can not see a single valid objection to such an assessment. Absolutely no argument against such dues suggests itself to him. Why should not the alumnus do something in a financial way toward the advancement of the general welfare? He is certainly more able to do so than while he was in college. It is confidently believed that at least a thousand of our present alumni would voluntarily pay dues amounting to, say one dollar each a year. By having an understanding with initiates in the future that the obligation to pay certain dues continues after graduation there can be no doubt that a very large proportion of them would pay such dues regularly. Think of the magnificent income we would have in the course of a decade! And then look forward into succeeding decades! We must look to the future. If nothing is done to provide funds we will be in practically the same sitution a century hence that we now occupy. It can not be objected that such dues would be difficult of collection. It is human nature to help a succeeding scheme; and, realizing that a large sum is being annually

collected from the alumni for the purpose of erecting chapter houses, each individual would be enthusiastic in forwarding his dues. Men like to be identified with a success, and each person gladly assumes and discharges his share of the burden. Why shouldn't alumni dues be provided?

It seems perfectly apparent that we must concentrate our efforts on the building of chapter houses. Other successes are encouraging; but a chapter house at a leading institution is inspiring. A magnificent house is an everlasting victory to arouse a continuous, ever renewing enthusiasm. A fraternity is rated by the world according to the external evidences of prosperity, and the chapter house is chief among these. A successful convention is a grand thing, and great temporary enthusiasm results from meetings such as were held in Chicago in '93, in Cincinnati in '95, and will be held in Nashville in August. But that enthusiasm is evanescent. On the other hand, the enthusiasm based on the building of a fine house is permanent, the cause is ever present. A successful convention soon becomes only a pleasant memory; the chapter house we have with us forever.

Soon after the Cincinnati convention Brother George C. Purdy, Alpha Phi, '92, ex-Grand Praetor of the First (now Ninth) Province, attended a meeting of the Triumvirs and asked that a committee be appointed to consider the establishment of an auxiliary chapter house fund. was his idea to solicit subscriptions to this fund from the alumni at large. Such committee was duly appointed, but seems never to have taken any steps in the matter. The idea is one entitled to careful consideration and no doubt would meet a large measure of success if adopted. Grand Quaestor Nate, who was the chairman of the committee referred to, has recently sent out a letter to a number of our older alumni for suggestions in line with this idea. He also asks the recipients of these communications to pledge themselves to pay a certain amount, their promises being contingent upon the receiving of at least five hundred. It would seem that no great difficulty should be experienced in raising at least ten thousand dollars in this manner for imme-It could be made the duty of each chapter to take charge of the correspondence with its alumni. This is matter of detail, however, and can be worked out by a committee if the idea meets with favor from the chapter; certainly it is absolutely necessary that something be done to aid our chapters in securing houses.

A PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED.

The editor has heretofore expressed his ideas as to extension very fully and has nothing to add to it this time. He wishes, however, to

direct attention to the recent vote on the petition from a certain southern institution for a charter. Thirty-four chapters voted on the petition and only two were in favor of granting a charter. As far as the editor is informed this vote is the result of due deliberation by the active membership, uninfluenced by communications from persons in authority, which, unfortunately, has not always been the case. The result is an emphatic testimonial of the general sentiment on the subject of extension. It seems to conclusively show that the vast majority of our members refuse to believe that Sigma Chi exists for the benefit of the uninitiated, but incline rather to that selfish opinion that Sigma Chi exists for herself. This overwhelming vote certainly settles that question.

Some changes in the statutes relative to the granting of charters are proposed by the Committee on Revision. At present the application for charter must be endorsed by one of the three chapters nearest in location to the petitioning body. After investigation the matter is submitted to a vote, and for affirmative action three-fourths of the Grand Council and three-fourths of the active and alumni chapters are necessary. The committee's report omits the endorsement and requires a favorable vote from two-thirds instead of three-fourths of the Grand Council.

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

This issue has been delayed in the hope of obtaining definite information as to the final arrangements for our Nashville convention, but in this we have been disappointed. We do know however, that the committee on arrangements, of which Brother Griffin M. Lovelace is chairman, is making every effort to assure a big time. Everything seems favorable for the best Grand Chapter ever held. Very important measures will be brought before the delegates for decision; and many opportunities for amusement are offered by the Centennial. For an idea of the situation our readers are referred to the articles in this number by Brothers Brewer and Lovelace. The latter is with the Bureau of Promotion and Publicity and will gladly engage rooms for brothers.

AN UNIDENTIFIED ELECTROTYPE.

An electrotype of a chapter group has been received by the editor. There was nothing to indicate from where it came or anything about it. Members of that chapter failing to find the illustration in this issue of the QUARTERLY will understand that it has been omitted because of our inability to locate it.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM NASHVILLE.

Sigma Chi headquarters will be temporarily transferred for the four August days, 25, 26, 27, 28, from Chicago and the four quarters of the earth to Nashville. There the center of things will be found at the Maxwell House. This hotel is first-class in every respect, and is centrally situated on the corner of Church and Cherry streets within walking distance of the Union Station. It is run upon the European plan, the rate made for rooms being from \$1.00 per day upwards. The business sessions of the Grand Chapter will be held in one of the assembly halls in the State Capitol building.

The programme not quite completed will be about as follows:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH.

10 A. M.—Business session.

Inspection of credentials, etc.

2 P. M.—Business session.

8 P. M.—Address of welcome by Dr. William L. Dudley, Zeta Psi. Responses from East, North and West.

Poem, by Walter Malone.

Annual oration. * * * * * *

Thursday, August 26th.

9 A. M.—Business session.

2 P. M.—Business session.

Evening—Reception in New York building at Centennial.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH.

9 A. M.—Business session.

2 P. M.—Trip to Belle Meade Farm.

8 P. M.—Business session.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH.

SIGMA CHI DAY AT EXPOSITION.

9 A. M.—Business session.

Afternoon—Sight-seeing at Centennial Vanity Fair, etc.

Evening—Banquet at Casino.

Some finishing touches, which we hope will prove improvements, will be made to the above programme. There will also be an atmosphere of Sigma Chi spirits and good cheer which no programme as yet

put in type by mortal printer can adequately express. The Sig flag will float above the Auditorium; and Sig buttons will be distributed to delegates and visitors. It would be well for all who intend to come to send their names at once to Brother Griffin Lovelace, Press Building, Centennial Grounds.

Nashville has been long in preparing for a meeting of the Grand Chapter, and she has been working towards that end during the past years, so that now she is ready. She has swept and garnished her dwellings; she has remodeled her hotels and enlarged her places of merriment; she has had cultivated beyond her borders vast estates, beautiful in their blue-grass pastures, their venerable forests, deer-parks and peerless horses; she has reared the costly structures of a splendid university; she has built a beautiful and entrancing exposition; and above all she has arranged in all their loveliness the genuine southern Sig girls—all this for the especial entertainment of the expected host of Sigdom. And when the Sigs come, young and old, then will Welcomer Dudley take them up into the high places of the city of the Centennial, and of Vanderbilt, and say "Behold the earth and the fulness thereof—it is yours."

J. J. Stowe, Alpha Psi,

T. H. Brewer, Alpha Psi, '96, Programme Committee.

Letters from Alumni Chapters.

ANNUAL RE-UNION AND BANQUET AT LOS ANGELES.

To this fair land where "December is as May," many of old Sigma's followers have come. Alpha Upsilon, located at the University of Southern California, has sent forth a score of loyal Sigs. All these, together with the active chapter, have each year about commencement time, selected a date when the "old guard" and the "standing army" should meet together and eat and talk and sing and get enthusiastic and plan \$10,000 chapter houses. The fellows of the active chapter arranged for the affair this year and issued invitations to all Sigs hereabouts to assemble in the Nadeau Café, at 8:30 P. M., on the evening of May 31st. After sending the summons out, a canvass of all alumni was made and every effort was made to get them out. Freeman G. Teed of Kappa, Grand Praefor of the province was found at the Jonathan Club and said he'd be there if he was within a hundred miles of the place on the designated day. Milton Vernon of Alpha, whose signature appears on the back of the historical document inserted in the last QUARTERLY, was sent an urgent appeal to be present. Chas. C. Davis, Gamma '73 and N. P. Courey, Chi '81, were also the recipients of a delegation of exhorters. All in all some half-hundred brethren were invited, but they couldn't all come. Of the veterans Courey, Clarence A. Miller, Beta '81, and our own Geo. A. Sinsabaugh, Alpha Upsilon '85, were all that materialized. We regret that the "Colonel" and Brother Vernon and the rest were not there, but we had it and enjoyed it and staid there until 2 A. M. and then the ancients rode home in cabs and the fellows were so full of enthusiasm that they couldn't be held in such a small thing as a cab or a street-car, so they absolutely had to walk just to show the policeman that next to the United States of America comes the organization known as the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

The toasts were many and good. Brother Sinsabaugh presided and Courey toasted "Sigma Chi," and Miller "the ladies" and the rest of us somebody or something else and everybody was happy and we all decided to have it again. The following attended: N. P. Courey, Chi '81; C. A. Miller, Beta '81; Geo. Sinsabaugh, Alpha Upsilon '85; D. L. Arnold, ex-Alpha Upsilon and Alpha Omega '95; Wm. Strong, Alpha Omega; T. W. Robinson, H. L. Martin, Hartley Shaw, D. H. McCart-

ney of Alpha Upsilon's alumni; and of the active chapter, Garrett, Thomson, Spencer, Jones, Myers, Lloyd, Wright, Tebbets and Christy.

FOSTER C. WRIGHT.

CHICAGO ALUMNI CHAPTER.

Thielmann's Garden, on the North shore, was the scene, Saturday evening. June 26th, of the Chicago Alumni Chapter's last dinner of the season. To be sure the weather was a trifle chilly for a garden party, but nevertheless thirty-four faithful ones donned their bike suits and appeared at the long table on the pier where host Thielmann laid out a very appetizing spread. We amused ourselves between courses by watching some cold-blooded bathers on the beach near by and also by partaking of the hospitality of Brother Frank Baker, the re-elected Judge, and Brother George C. Purdy, who was still celebrating Cornell's victories. After the dinner we adjourned to a smaller room where a short business session was held, at which George C. Purdy was elected delegate to the Nashville convention and Grand Annotator Newman Miller, alternate. After this Judge Baker told how he was re-elected to the bench. Alderman Alling gave us a correct imitation of a Council meeting interspersed with character sketches of "Hinky Dink," "Bath House John," and other notables. Delegate Purdy effervesced over Cornell's crews, and Billy Booth took a reef and related some yachting experiences. About this time the music in the garden below hypnotized the crowd and an adjournment was made where we could hear it to better advantage. The following Sigs were present:

Judge Frank Baker, Gamma, '61; Chas. Alling, Jr., Chi, '85, Theta Theta, '88; W. F. Irwin, Chi, '87; Frank Crozier, Chi, 92, Theta Theta, '94; Wm. M. Booth, Omega, '78; F. J. Tourtellotte, Omega, '88; Myron Hunt, Omega, '92; F. B. Cozzens, Omega, '91; W. T. Alden, Omega, '91; Geo. C. Purdy, Alpha Phi, '92; W. B. Greenlee, Alpha Phi, '95; George Ade, Delta Delta, '87; John T. McCutcheon, Delta Delta, '89; Ben. McCutcheon, Delta Delta, '96; L. A. Downs, Delta Delta, '94; Van Wagner Alling, Chi and Delta Delta, '97; Chas. D. Heile, Delta Delta, '97; Conrad B. Kimball, Kappa Kappa, '94; Edw. W. Pickard, Kappa Kappa, '88; Chas. B. Burdick, Kappa Kappa, '95; Victor Andre Matteson, Kappa Kappa, '95; Wm. H. Kiler, Kappa Kappa, '97; Herbert C. Arms, Kappa Kappa, '95; Joseph C. Nate, Alpha Iota, '90; Raymond J. Nate, Alpha Iota; J. P. Bicket, Alpha Iota, '97; Louis W. Myers, Alpha Lambda, '93; H. G. Spensley, Alpha Lambda, '94; Robt. C. Spencer, Jr., Alpha Lambda, '86; Newman Miller, Alpha Pi, '93;

R. G. MacDonald, Alpha Pi, '93; Wm. F. McDonald, Omicron Omicron, '98; Harry Scovel Burrows, Beta, '90.

HERBERT C. ARMS, Kappa Kappa, '95, Chicago, June 30, 1897. Secretary.

Letters from Active Chapters.

FIRST PROVINCE.

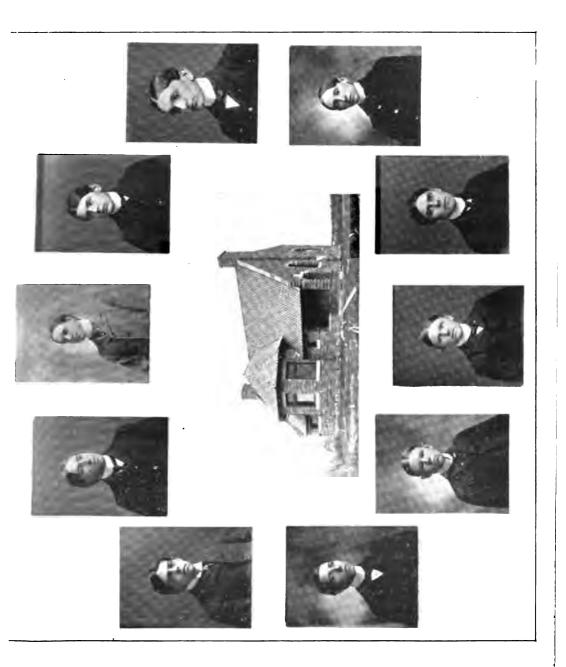
THETA-GETTYSBURG COLLEGE.

The spring term at Gettysburg has been marked, as usual, by a very great interest in athletics. Eight base-ball games have resulted in five victories, two defeats and one tie. Our chapter has been well represented on the team, Brothers Dale and Leisenring playing in every game, while Brother Lawyer and two pledged men have served as substitutes. Gettysburg won second place in the relay race at the U. of P. with Bucknell, Dickinson and Franklin and Marshal. The regular college tennis tournament resulted in the loss of the silver cup by Phi Gamma Delta to Alpha Tau Omega. This cup is contested for every year and has been held by Phi Gamma Delta for three years. Theta can boast little skill at tennis and did not enter this year's tournament. We may hope for better results in the future. Brother Dale, 'oo, has been elected vice-president of the College Athletic Association.

Commencement, though presenting no special features, was very interesting and very well attended.

Brother Shipman has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the college. Four of Theta's sons are now members of the Board, viz: Brothers Billheimer, Stock, McPherson and Shipman. A number of our alumni were present, among them Trowbridge, Dakin, Wolf, Shipman, Stock, McPherson and Dietrick. We were glad to be able to entertain them by a double initiation and we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother Alexander Hay O'Neal, of Gettysburg, Pa., and Brother Will G. Leisenring, of Chambersburg, Pa. Of course we might enlarge on the desirable traits of these two new brothers and tell how they were bid for by other fraternities, but that is quite unnecessary. They would not have been made Sigma Chis if they were not fine fellows.

We have elected as delegate to the biennial convention Brother Howard B. Erdman, '98, and as alternate Brother David Dale, '00. We hope that the convention may be marked in every feature by success and



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interest. Theta stands unalterably for conservative views with regard to extension.

The chapter loses two men this year by graduation, Brothers Leisenring and Biklé. We expect, with good reason, all our other active members back in September when the chapter roll will include one senior, one junior, two sophomores and four freshmen. This, for Gettysburg, is a very good-sized chapter and will obviate the necessity for the spasmodic "rushing" which too often characterizes fraternity work upon the advent of new men. Hoping that our expectations for next year will be fulfilled and that success may fall abundantly to all our sister chapters.

Henry Wolf Biklé.

Gettysburg, Pa., June 23, 1897.

Opposite to this page appears an illustration of the Theta Chapter—left to right, upper row: G. W. Loudon, Frank S. Leisenring, W. F. Rosenthal; lower row: John De Kalb Keith, Wm. Grove Lawyer, Archibald Munro, Jr.; left side, top to bottom: David Dale, Henry Wolf Bilké; right side, top to bottom: Howard B. Erdman, Newton J. Fredericks.

KAPPA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Brother Bailey, '96, has been chosen to represent us at our convention in Nashville this summer.

We have just closed the most successful year in base-ball ever known at Bucknell. We twice defeated Nultry League team, Selius Grove, and won from Williamsport Y. M. C. A., Danville Y. M. C. A., State College, Gettysburg and Bloomsburg.

We had the pleasure of entertaining for a few days this term Brothers Dale and Leisenring, Theta, during their base-ball trip. Brother Davidge, ex-Alpha Phi, who is traveling for the United States Leather Company, spent several hours with us this term. He is a loyal Sig and is always welcome. Brother Davis, manager of the State College base-ball team called to see us when in town.

We lose this year, by graduation, our oldest member, Brother "Jimmie" Guie. He has been our wise counsellor throughout the year and in his leaving we all feel a heavy loss. Brother Thornton will enter the second year of Jefferson Medical College in the fall.

Thirty-six young men and ladies were graduated from the college this year. Commencement exercises were very interesting. The Ringgold band, of Reading, furnished the music, including two twilight concerts on the campus. On the 23rd the annual commencement assembly was held in the armory. This is the greatest social event of the year here and this year it exceeded all previous efforts. Brother Guie represented us on the committee. Our annual symposium was held in our halls on the evening of the 22nd. After enjoying the banquet we were entertained by the following toasts, Brother Reppert, '77, of Uniontown, acting as toastmaster in his masterly manner: "Present and Future of Kappa," Brother Guie, '97; "Present Membership," Brother Strowbridge, '85; "Marriage," Brother Folmer, '77; "The Past," Brother Duncan,'76. Brother Reppert next introduced, with a few complimentary remarks, Brother D. M. Jones, '65, who entertained us the remainder of the evening with instructive remarks intermingled with his usual humor. He closed by reciting several of his poems in a most pleasing manner. Among those present were Mervine, '76; Schiller, '69; Shaffer, '72; Wolfe, '77; Ginter, '85; Ryan, '96; Smith, '98; Rogers, '98; and Brother Leisenring, Theta.

Brother Wittenmeyer entertained our chapter at his home in Middleburg over Saturday and Sunday, May 22nd and 23rd. We drove over on Saturday morning and returned Sunday evening. We will ever have in our hearts a feeling of deep gratitude for Mr. Wittenmyer and family for the hospitable manner in which we were entertained.

Lewisburg, Pa., June 26, 1897.

BRUCE H. TRIMMER.

PHI PHI-UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Although Phi Phi has no initiations to report, she has been doing some very good work in looking over the material of the incoming freshmen class. We hope to pledge several very fine men as soon as the entrance examinations are over.

The inter-collegiate boat races this year brought much sorrow to "Old Penn.," their boat filling up with water before two miles had been covered. Brother Boyle, who has captained the crew for two years, was the unanimous choice of the crew for the same position next year.

At the annual election of officers of the Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs, your scribe was elected president.

Brother McAvoy will represent us at Nashville. Having talked with men from several chapters, your scribe discovers that a great many chapters intend sending only one man. Why don't other members of the chapters defray their own expenses or divide with the delegate? thereby making this convention a good old Sigma Chi rally.

In summing up the achievements of the chapter the past year, we look at the "white cross" with pride and think that victory has indeed been our. We have not as yet experienced the sensation of losing a man whom we have bid, and we live in hopes that we never shall.

We trust that the outlook for all of the chapters for next year is exceedingly bright and that the "white cross" may forever be beheld in its emblem of purity, thus influencing us to higher and nobler works.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 4, 1897.

ORVILLE E. B. BAILEY.

*ALPHA RHO-LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Rho and Lehigh have not been dead since our last letter. Our ball team has been south and won laurals that no other team but Princeton's has. They did not lose a game, defeating Georgetown, of W. Va., North Carolina and the Catholic University, besides the Wake Forest semi-professional teams. Brother Reed ably represented Alpha Rho and reported having met the Sigs at Chapel Hill and Charlottsville. We have been wide awake in LaCrosse also, having defeated Harvard, Swathmore, John Hopkins and Stevens, thereby winning the intercollegiate championship for the third consecutive time. Brothers Miller, Roundey, Edgar and Williams were among the players and held well up their end of the play.

We have dramatic talent also and Brothers Edgar and Farnham both of whom had good parts in the "Mustard and Cheese" play "the Ulster."

A few chapter letters have been received and were greatly appreciated, however we would like to have a great many more.

Visiting Sigs in Bethlehem should let us know as we should be most happy to entertain them.

With greetings to our sister chapters Alpha Rho closes.

South Bethlehem, Pa.

GEORGE BARRETT WILLIAMS.

ALPHA CHI-PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

Another term has passed and we are still prospering. We lose by graduation three men, all in engineering departments. Although these men have been our mainstays for the last year, we hope to make up for their loss by getting some men from the incoming class. We have several "Preps." pledged who will be taken in next term. They are good men and are popular among their classmates.

Brother Baumgardner received first honors in the graduating class and also was one of the three recommended by the commandant as being most proficient in the military department.

We wish to introduce to the Fraternity Brother James M. David, o Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.



^{*}Two letters were received on account of Alpha Rho. The one first in point of time is used. From the other, however, written by Brother George A. Horne, we quote: "There is no alumnus in Sigma Chi whom we like to see so much as Dr. Farnham and we were delighted with his visit of a few days."

We have had quite a number of Sigs with us during commencement: Brothers Thompson, '94; Boals, ex-'97 and Keichline, ex-'98, Alpha Chi; F. Dale, Alpha Chi, Phi Phi; D. Dale, Theta. The annual Junior Assembly was a great success, we being unusually well represented.

The baccalaureate sermon, delivered by Brother Lawrence M. Colfelt, D. D., Iota, '69, was ably rendered and much appreciated by the large audience.

In our annual base-ball games with Bucknell we came out even, Bucknell winning on their grounds and we on ours. The commencement game was played with Western University of Pennsylvania and we came out successfully. A tennis tournament was held here and Brothers Davis and Diehl came out first in the doubles. Brother Diehl was appointed delegate to the convention to be held at Nashville in August, with Brother Finley as alternate.

In the State Intercollegiate Meet, held at Swathmore this year, we came out second, Swathmore taking first.

The prospects for our next year's foot-ball team are very promising indeed, since we lose but two men by graduation. Our manager has already closed dates for games with most of the larger colleges and hopes to have better success than last year.

Wishing our sister chapters success for the coming year.

ROLAND DILLER.

State College, Pa., June 18, 1897.

SECOND PROVINCE.

ZETA-WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Finals are over, the commencement orators have orated, the dances have been danced, the good-byes said, Zeta's members have scattered to their several homes, and now the correspondent sits down to recount the closing features of the session. At their June meeting the Board of Trustees made Brother Charles A. Graves, Zeta, '69, Dean of the Law School. Hon. Harry St. G. Tucker was elected to fill the chair of constitutional law left vacant by the death of his father, Hon. Jno. Randolph Tucker. W. R. Vance was appointed assistant professor in the law department.

In the tennis tournament, held May 25th, Brother Snyder won the first prize in singles, and he, with Mr. McPheeters, Phi Gamma Delta, won the first place in doubles. Brother Snyder has also been elected captain of the nine for next season. Brother Tucker was one of the commencement marshals.

Sigma Chi waded through the final examinations in great shape. Everyone made his tickets and Brother Shields found "100" to be an ornament at the head of his mathmatical examination. The writer received a scholarship valued at \$150.

Everybody is glad when they see Brother Bob Lee's form loom up on the horizon, and we were all glad at commencement. His cordial greeting and merry jest win a warm spot in every heart. He presented the cup to the winning crew, which he accompanied with a very graceful speech. We were also glad to have Brother Clifford Sperow, Psi, with us during commencement.

GORDON HOUSTON.

Waynesboro, Va., June 29, 1897.

TAU-ROANOKE COLLEGE.

The session of '96-'97 goes down in the history of Roanoke as one of the most successful since its establishment, a prosperous year, the climax of which was capped by a gay and enjoyable commencement. And now, as the students are leaving for their respective homes, we are beginning already to look forward to next session with a determination to work still harder both in college and fraternity matters. There has been a slight increase in the number of students this year, but a most notable advance has been in the general appearance of the students.

Tau has kept pace with the progress of the college. Admired by the faculty and respected by the students, she has every reason to be proud of her position, acquired in the past, and hopes to be able to hold up and attain in the future a standard well worthy of Sigma Chi.

In the State Oratorical Contest, held this year at Hampden-Sidney, Roanoke came out victor. This is the second time that she has won this honor.

We lose, by graduation, Brother Logan, who was the Latin salutatorian of his class. Brothers Mitchell and Owens, who expect to enter the Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va. next fall, and Brother Boogher, whose plans for the future are not yet completed, will also be absent from us next year. For them, as well as all other Sigs who go out from the many institutions of learning, we wish much success in life.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association, held recently for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, Brother Eagle was elected vice-president, and your scribe had the honor of being chosen athletic editor.

Near the close of the session a chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon was instituted at Roanoke, evidence of which was given by the unusual yells heard about midnight throughout the town. Brothers Boogher, Logan and Owens were the Sigs taken in.

Two entertainments, given recently by our resident brothers, Hubard and Logan, were very much enjoyed by all Sigs.

Brother Boogher will be our representative at the convention. We envy the brothers the good time that is in store for them there.

With best wishes to all Sigs for a pleasant vacation, Salem, Va., June 18, 1897. Wm. A. Brown.

PSI-UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

The finals are over! Where but yesterday all was life and gaiety, to-day quiet reigns supreme. Most of Psi's members have departed for their homes, resolved to return next session to push forward the cause of Sigma Chi at this old university; not that we are at all ashamed of this year's record, but we fully realize the truth of the old saying, "There is always room for improvement." We heartily approve of the choice of Nashville as the place for our biennial convention, and shall have as many of our men present as possible. Brother Trinkle has been appointed our regular representative.

Our base-ball team is now off on a tour through the South, where, among others, she will play University of Georgia, and Sewanee. We wish them more success than attended them on their northern trip. However, when we take into account the crippled condition of the team at the time, we may be justly proud of having defeated Cornell, and played Yale 4-5. Brothers Trinkle and Martin give glowing accounts of the reception given them by our northern friends wherever they went; especially would they extend thanks to members of Alpha Phi and Phi Phi for their hospitable treatment.

The chapter next year will sorely miss the ardent support of Brother Royster, who was graduated this year in the school of medicine. With the exception of him and the writer, who will continue the study of medicine at the Johns-Hopkins, all of the chapter will return. This gives us a splendid outlook for next fall.

Greeting and best wishes to all Sigma Chis. S. H. WATTS. Charlotteville, Va., June 18, 1897.

GAMMA GAMMA-RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

After a rather trying year Gamma Gamma, at the close of the college year, is glad to be able to answer: "All's well." Although small in numbers, she has lost none of her pristine glory and the outlook for '98 is encouraging.

Randolph-Macon is closing a most prosperous year and continues to enlarge her territory.

The system now includes six institutions: Randolph-Macon College, Randolph-Macon Women's College and four Academies, two male and two female.

Dr. Kern, formerly vice-president, was elected president of the college, and Dr. W. W. Smith, the former president, was elected chancellor of the whole system. The report of the science departments is especially good and Randolph-Macon has every reason to claim a science course second to none in the South.

We are glad to have with us Brothers Danne, Drewry, Mullen and Brother S. D. Turner. The last is now principal of a school in Richmond, Va. Randolph-Macon is noted for the large number of alumni present at each commencement and Gamma Gamma extends a most hearty welcome to all Sigma Chis.

The class of '97 gave a most elaborate banquet last Tuesday night to the faculty at the Loundsberry Café. Brother Licklider, our representative, secretary of the class and also master of ceremonies, pronounced it a grand success.

Gamma Gamma expects to have at least one or two men at Nashville in addition to her regular delegate, Brother Christian.

Greetings to all Sigma Chis.

A. C. SOUTHALL.

Ashland, Va., June 17, 1897.

SIGMA SIGMA-HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE.

We were a little disappointed in the last number of the QUARTERLY. Not only was it a small issue, but the matter seemed to be forced and padded.* It seems that with only four issues during the year Sigma Chi ought to be able to get out a better number than the last one and we heartily agree with the editor that an addition to the editorial staff should be made in the form of an exchange editor, as suggested in the last QUARTERLY. The idea is an excellent one and by this addition we can keep in touch with the fraternity world at large. There are many valuable articles and clippings in the other fraternity magazines that would be very interesting to us, and an exchange department would make a great addition to our QUARTERLY. We hope it will be carried out.

Since our last letter we have initiated into our order Thomas Reese English, Jr., of Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, whom we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity. There were several of our alumni present and after the initiation we sat down to a nice supper. Our new brother



^{*}Brother Stuart, this is hardly fair. There was no "padding" about the last QUARTERLY. The editor regards that number as an extremely interesting one so far as it goes. There was no occasion to "pad,"—there was an abundance of material but the lack of funds prevented its use.—Editor.

has been under our watchful care during the whole year and we delayed his initiation only on account of his age. He is full worthy to wear our "white cross" and will be an enthusiastic Sig as long as he lives. We feel proud of our capture (as we were not the only bidders,) and consider ourselves extremely fortunate in getting such a fine fellow.

In looking back over the past year Sigma Sigma feels proud of the stand she has taken. With only six men we have been among the foremost in almost every department of college affairs. Brother Masson was manager of both foot-ball and base-ball teams, while Brother Stuart was on the former and Brothers Herndon and Wyly on the latter; and just here we might mention that the captains for both teams next year are Sigma Chis—Brother Stuart of foot-ball and Herndon of base-ball. Brother Herndon represented us on the gymnasium team, while Brother Stuart was leader and first violin of the orchestra. On the Magasine Brother Mason made an able business editor, with Brother Reed as his assistant. On the Kaleidoscope Brothers Mason and Stuart were among the editors. We might go on at this rate and mention a number of other honors, etc. that Sigma Chi has earned, but will only say that in the literary societies and other clubs and organizations, we have held an upper hand.

We lose Brother Mason by graduation. We wish him luck in his new life and hope he will be as popular and beloved as he has been while at college.

Our outlook for next year is very promising. Four men will return and we have our eyes on a new man. We feel sure our chapter will be as strong and influential as it has been in the past. Our College is on a "boom" at present. Not only has the number of students been increased, but the Board of Trustees has given great encouragement to the athletic teams by a considerable appropriation. Our Kaleidoscope, this year, is the finest that has ever been gotten out at our college and some say rivals any annual in the South. Finals passed off very pleasantly and we all had a good time.

Our distinguished brother, Prof. Geo. H. Denny, of Hampden-Sidney College, has lately taken his Ph. D. degree from the University of Virginia, where he left a very enviable reputation as a Latin scholar, whose work (in the words of the Professor of that department,) "has never been surpassed and rarely ever equalled."

We are looking forward with much pleasure to meeting at the convention in August.

Sigma Sigma sends best wishes to her sister chapters.

Hampden-Sidney, Va., June 21, 1897.

D. T. STUART.

ALPHA TAU-UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The University of North Carolina, with five hundred and forty-five names enrolled, closed the college year of '96-7, leaving behind it a record of much success. This is the largest attendance since the days of civil strife and is a marked increase over last year's attendance. Dr. Alderman, our new president, has shown himself to be a worthy successor of Dr. G. T. Winston, now president of the University of Texas. The "fresh" class, over one hundred in number, has much good fraternity material in it, and when the time of division comes "Alpha Tau" will be on hand for her share.

In athletics, the University of North Carolina had to take a back seat this past year. Our foot-ball team was very weak as it was composed almost entirely of new men, and the record made is not at all an enviable The base-ball team was composed of much good material but for some cause the boys did not get along well together and therefore there was very little team work. Virginia defeated us in two games by scores of 7-6 and 10-4; but since the University of Georgia defeated Virginia and we in turn defeated Georgia by a score of 15-6, we feel some con-We defeated Lafayette two games by scores of 11-9 solation after all. and 6-3; Oak Ridge, 19-0; Franklin, Va., 18-0: Wake Forest, 7-2. We were beaten by Lehigh 7-4, having played a draw the day before with them; Pennsylvania beat us 11-2 and 6-5; Yale beat us 19-15; Princeton beat us q-2; Georgia defeated us one game by a score of 11-10, in this game only four hits were made off Williams, our pitcher and the Sig representative on the team, but Georgia won on errors. Brother Williams pitched the first Virginia game, the Yale game, second Pennsylvania game, first Lehigh game, the second Lafayette game and five innings of the Franklin game. Brother Williams will represent us next year on the team at the same position.

Our Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs had a very successful year, but we were not represented. Brother Kirby was the leader of the medical class and Brother Edgerton, '97, graduated with high honors. Brother Wood, '98, was the star at commencement, filling the office of Chief Marshal with much dignity. Brother Kirby was manager of his class foot-ball team and Brothers Simpson and Williams played guard and half-back respectively on their class teams. And so the year passed and Sigma Chi still holds her head above the turbulant waters of competition, and I will close by saying Alpha Tau marches proudly abreast with the leading fraternities at U. N. C.

TRIBUNE.

Chapel Hill, N. C., June 30, 1897.

THIRD PROVINCE.

ALPHA-MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

June 17th marks the close of the most eventful and successful year in Alpha's history. Five school years have passed since Alpha was reestablished at "Old Miami." Thrown, as she was, into the midst of three rivals whose alumni were counted by the hundred, her progress in those five years has been but little short of marvelous. In scholarship, in athletics, in oratory, in society and in all other lines of student activity, we have more than held our own. A brief review of our various successes for the five years of our life may not be inappropriate.

In our studies we have always had a high rank and have twice captured second honors. In athletics our honors are many and varied; we have had the foot-ball manager once and the captain twice, the baseball manager twice and the captain twice, and the track-team manager In addition, we have always had from two to five men on each of the "'varsity" teams. Since the organization of our present athletic association we have had three out of the six student members of the board of control. One of our number holds the Ohio state record for the running hop, step and jump. In oratory we are easily in the lead as we have furnished the winners of the last two state oratorical contests. Socially we own no superiors, as our members are very popular at the two girls colleges here. During the past year, we have twice thrown open our house to our friends—the first time was a "smoker" to Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, and the other was our annual reception to the girls of the Oxford and Western colleges. The latter was the swellest event of the college year and over a hundred spent the evening with us. The college girls were unanimous in saying that ours was the finest fraternity reception ever given at Miami. Sigma Chi was the only fraternity which gave a reception this year. During the commencement weeks of the three colleges here, we had informal receptions and dances every evening. With the student body we are very popular and are given many positions of honor by them. We have had the businessmanager of the college paper for the last two years, besides many offices in the various college organizations. In the literary societies we are also prominent, having had the president of one of the two societies during the past year. At the annual inter-society debate during the winter, four of the six debaters were Sigs. In the state associations, of which Miami is a member, Alpha has held more offices than the rest of the school combined. Last year we had the president of the "Ohio Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association." while for the next year we have

the president of the "Ohio State Oratorical Association." In music, we are and always have been, in the lead. During the past five years we have always had men on the University quartette and also on the mandolin club. We had only two men on the quartette this year but we will have both of them with us next year.

So much for our men—let us see how we are situated. Even our rivals admit that we have the finest chapter house here, although Beta Theta Pi and Delta Kappa Epsilon both have fine houses. We have all modern conveniences, such as electric light, plumbing, bath room, furnace, etc. We have a piano and we spend a little while each evening in singing the old Sig songs, which never fail to rouse great enthusiasm.

Taken all in all, we feel that we are unquestionably in the lead at Miami and we are now enjoying the fruits of our past struggles to put Sigma Chi on top.

Three loyal wearers of the White Cross went out with this year's class, Brothers McClintock, Fowler and Watt. The first was one of our charter members, while Brother Fowler was initiated during the first few months of the chapter's life. With these two brothers we lose men whose worth has been tested and proven in many a hot rushing season. Our best wishes for their future success go with each one of our departing brothers. All of our other members will be back next year; but to fill the places of those who leave us, we have, during the past term, initiated three fine men from "1901." I take great pleasure in introducing to the general Fraternity, Brothers George Munday Hayner, Lewis Lee Hayner and Lewis Wilson Thompson, all of Dayton, Ohio. They are already enthusiastic in their work for the Fraternity, and Alpha expects much of them.

During the past term we have had pleasant visits from Brothers Swing, Harper, McAvoy, Salmon and Hayward, all of Zeta Psi. Brother John D. Garrett, '98, is our delegate to the convention at Nashville. The writer and probably several others from Alpha will also be there. Wishing each and every chapter abundant success, I remain.

Oxford, Ohio, June 16, 1897.

EARL H. WATT.

MU-DENISON UNIVERSITY.

The 66th Annual Commencement of Denison University was successful in every way. Many new additions to the University were announced, chief among which was the Conservatory of Music given by Prof. A. U. Thresher. Field Day, also, was a decided success. Denison won the track events in the morning and the ball game in the afternoon from Otterbein University.

While the University has prospered, old Mu has gone steadily on and reports a flourishing condition. The Sigs took a prominent part, during the past year, in every division that the schools offered. We lose one man, by graduation, Clifford A. Wiltsee, and it is with sincere regret that we make this announcement. Brother Wiltsee has always held the best interests of Sigma Chi at heart and we feel that the present high standing of the chapter is largely due to his efforts. His whole-souled, kindly ways made him a favorite and a leader in all circles of college life, and he leaves a host of friends who wish him the true success in life that he so richly deserves. Brother Hutson, '96, has been elected to the chair of Greek in Doane Academy, which Brother Baldwin held last year. The latter goes to Rochester next year.

During commencement week Brothers Herbert Jones, ex-'99, Wm. Kerr, ex-'96, A. E. DeArmond, '95, B. F. McCann, '86, Frank R. Morse, '85, J. F. Brundidge, '80, H. R. Keeler, '80, and Frank D. Hall, '80, were with us in our home and made the days and nights exceedingly pleasant with their cheerful words, reminiscences and loyalty to Sigma Chi. Far into the night strains of "A Sig I Am," or echoes of "Who Am I," were heard floating out on the quiet air, and the end came only too soon. During this week Mu settled the question of her future home. In the fall we will occupy one of the finest residences in the city. It is situated on East Broadway just as you enter the city, and if you happen to come this way, don't neglect to stop and receive a royal Sigma Chi welcome.

Granville, O., June 26, 1897.

HARRY W. Amos.

ZETA PSI-UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

The recent hot spell found the Cincinnati Sigs seeking cool spots in and out of town; Brothers Murray and Reynolds are at Salt Sulphur Springs, W. Va.; Hitch is presumably hoeing potatoes on his paternal farm in Clermont County; and Russell Wilson is taking baths somewhere near Xenia, O. The rest of us are in town trying to feel cool and happy.

We lost five good brothers from the chapter by graduation; Brother Reynolds is an electrical engineer; McAvoy, who has been a lawyer for over one year, is busy attending to his clients; Richards is a civil engineer, but wants to study law and be a patent lawyer; Murray will enter his father's office this fall as a patent lawyer, having already taken his degrees in law and engineering; Hitch is studying at the University Law School, and says he'll be a lawyer or take to farming.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs have paid a great compliment to their

efficient manager, Brother McAvoy, by re-electing him; they could find no one else good enough to fill his place.

We have several good men in view for next year's initiations; we are keeping good watch on them and expect to put in some good licks for the White Cross.

Success to all of Zeta Psi's sister chapters.

Cincinnati, O., July 12, 1897.

PHILIP HAYWARD.

LAMBDA LAMBDA-KENTUCKY STATE A. & M. COLLEGE.

Commencement at State College bore something of a sad nature, occasioned by the very untimely death of Miss Antoinette Atkins, who was a member of the senior class. Although her death took place on class day eve, she requested that none of the class exercises should be postponed. It was, therefore, with deepest regrets that the "class of '97" carried out their program. This class was twenty-eight in number, being the largest in the history of the college. Of this number, four are Sigma Chi's, in whom Lambda Lambda sustained a loss which she will severely feel in the future. We lose Brothers Blessing, Bullock, Symsoll and Anderson. Our initiates for this year are six in number: J. M. Graves, R. K. Maddocks, J. F. Mussellman, E. T. Lyle, Benjamin Bosworth and myself. Brother J. M. Graves will represent Lambda Lambda at the Nashville Grand Chapter, with W. L. Bronaugh as alternate.

On Thursday night following commencement quite an enjoyable reception was given by the town boys in honor of the members residing out of town.

Lambda Lambda hopes to begin next year with twelve members; and although the greater number of these are young, there is no lack of enthusiasm and she is looking forward to a very successful year.

Lexington, Ky., July 4, '97.

PERRY WEST.

MU MU-WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

June 10th closed commencement festivities and the pleasant associations of the year. With great reluctance the "college girl" has been left behind, and we now sit under our own "vine and fig tree," freed from the routine of college life and jubiliant over the prospects of a happy vacation.

The college year just closed has been the most successful one in the history of West Virginia University. In point of numbers, she has surpassed all previous years, the enrollment having reached 465. The

graduating class of '97 numbered sixty-seven, including of course, graduates from all the various departments. This class had four representatives from Sigma Chi: Brothers W. T. Ice, John G. Knutti, H. L. Swisher and F. H. Yost, each taking an A. B. excepting Brother Yost, who was graduated in law. Mu Mu regrets the loss of these brethren as active members. While we will miss their wise opinions and sound judgments, we feel confident that their interest can never grow less in Mu Mu and in the best fraternity ever organized.

The growth of our chapter has been commensurate with the advancement of the university. With that sturdy, honest and conservative spirit, she has become the paragon of all other fraternities. Indulging in no petty college rivalries and making no bitter fights for honors, Sigma Chi has had her share by right of pre-eminent ability. In taking a retrospective view of the past year, we feel gratified with our record, having had a hall of our own after the first of January and having captured the best material in school for Sigma Chi. As was stated in a previous letter, we did not find men of that "sterner stuff" until late in the year. After having been chased by all the "frats" in school, we "spiked" them in that characteristic way known only to the unterrified Sigma Chis.

The initiation took place May 17th. The new initiates are: B. H. Trussel, '00, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., John H. Shisler, '01, of Morgantown, W. Va., and Jas. I. Pratt, '01, of Pensboro, W. Va. We take pleasure in presenting these brethren as members most worthy of the white cross.

The Board of Regents made some changes in the personel of the faculty and provided for some needed improvements at their annual meeting in June. The Presidency of the university, the Dean of Agricultural Experimental Station and the chair of Modern Languages, positions held by Dr. J. L. Goodnight, Dr. John H. Myers and Prof. Jno. G. Maevey, respectively, were declared vacant until Aug. 3, 1897, at which time they will be filled by new men. Three new chairs were created, viz: Greek Language and Literature, Mechanics and Applied Mathematics and History and Political Ecomomy. We are also to have a new building and many other needed improvements.

In the "round up" for college honors, Sigma Chi has kept up with the procession. Brothers H. M. White and A. P. Romine will have the foot-ball team in hand next year; the debate and oration in the annual Inter-Society Contest was won by the undaunted votaries of "Gold and Blue." Mu Mu has much to encourage her. Her past has been honorable and courageous having pursued a straight forward course in

all her relations to other fraternities. At peace with everybody and with an enthusiastic membership we have much to hope for.

With best wishes to sister chapters,

Morganton, W. Va., July 3, 1897.

C. F. HOLDEN.

Opposite this page is an illustration of the Zeta Zeta chapter. Reading from left to right, top: C. J. McKnight, Carl Mize, W. B. Stanfield; bottom: E. F. McElroy, A. C. Van Winkle, H. S. McElroy, H. Shearin, Ernest Smith.

FOURTH PROVINCE.

XI-DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

The school year closed with very flattering prospects and every indication for a prosperous and almost peerless chapter next fall. Xi is in good shape and can assert herself to be almost without a rival in the institution. Brothers Rogers and Krewel leave us by graduation. The former was one of the "old men," having been initiated in '93. June 5th mysteries were revealed to Henry Lane, '99, and Fred Starr, 'or. These boys are alert fellows, good students, and will prove themselves worthy members of Sigma Chi.

The Provincial Convention was a marked success and was well attended; every chapter in the province being represented. Our appreciation is more keen because our beloved alumnus and ardent supporter, Brother Frank Ader was chosen praetor.

Brother Hamrick, '98, is our representative to the Grand Chapter.

The convention, ball games, etc., have increased our number of visitors. Brothers King, Wilson, Van Buskirk of Lambda were present during the early part of the term.

FRED H. COLE.

Greencastle, Ind., June 10, 1897.

RHO-BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Commencement is over, and after spending a most exciting and delightful commencement week the Sigs have parted, with promises to meet again in the fall. Fortunately we lose no brother by graduation, although Brother Cooper expects to go East next year. The chapters of other fraternities represented here were not so fortunate; Phi Delta Theta losing six men, and Delta Tau Delta, five. We expect to commence next season with five active members and two pledges.

One of the social features of the term, aside from the numerous Sig tennis parties and informals, was the picnic on the night of the 18th of June. We all went to Broad Ripple, where supper was served on the chartered steamboat, which later in the evening carried us up the river on a delightful moonlight ride. An orchestra discoursed music to the dancers, and in the intervals between dances a darkey quartette entertained us. At 1 o'clock we started home on a chartered car, feeling that a Sig picnic could be rivaled by only one thing: namely, another Sig picnic.

On the night of June 2d we initiated Mr. Ned Powell of Irvington, who is well qualified to reflect honor on the white cross.

Next year the college promises better work than has heretofore been offered; three new professors have been added to the faculty—Dr. Ames, who will have the chair of political economy; Dr. Forrest, who will have the chair of sociology, and Dr. Nies, in the English department. Dr. Ames and Dr. Forrest are from Chicago University, and Dr. Nies comes from Mt. Holyoke College, Mass. Dr. Bruner, who has been studying in Europe for the past two years returns in the fall to take charge of the department of biology.

JOSEPH IRWIN SWEENEY.

Irvington, Ind., June 30, 1897.

DELTA DELTA-PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

On the evening of June 5th Delta Delta celebrated the close of the fwenty-second, and by no means least prosperous, year of her existence with what the La Fayette dailies termed one of the swellest stag banquets ever given in the city. Besides the active chapter and many of the alumni we had the pleasure of the company of Brother Guy Cramer, Delta Chi, of the "Shore Acres" company, who added much to the merriment of the occasion. Another feature was a long and interesting letter from that most loyal Sig, Charles H. Eldridge, Delta Delta, '87, now located in Atlanta, Ga.

In one particular especially have we been successful this year, and that is in securing new men. Our latest prizes in this line, after devious wanderings, arrived on the night of April 15th, at the spot where they were linked to us by the ties of brotherhood. Besides the three before mentioned pledges from '00, we had secured another who had long been overcoming parental objections. After the ceremonies we partook of a delicious Dutch feast, spread upon the green sward. The new brothers, of whom we expect much in the future, are Roy Claiborne Rickley, '00, Ottawa, Ill.; Charles Forrest Flinn, '00, Oak Park, Ill.; Ralph Aldrich Bond, '00, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Aloysius John Rumely, '98, La Porte, Ind.

Purdue's base-ball team had a very unsuccessful season, winning the first game played, and no other. Brother Wiley, last year's captain, did





not play this year. The track-team was also a little off color, losing the dual meet with the University of Illinois, and failing to secure first place at State field-day contest. The writer was our sole representative on the team.

At the Sophomore picnic we had a good delegation, which reported a delightful time. This is the only class entertainment given at Purdue, but indications are that at next commencement there will be a week of festivities.

We lose this year only four brothers, but they will be missed as much as a host. Brothers Alling and Wiley graduate, and Brothers Badet and Graham Crozier enter business. Fourteen of the brothers are expected to return, and as we already have our eyes on several excellent men, prospects for next year are anything but gloomy.

Short visits have been received from Brothers Woodworth, Eta Eta, now at Oberlin; Fernald and Cramer, Delta Chi, and Haynes, Xi. We hope to see many brothers at the convention, and, in the interim, a pleasant vacation to all Sigs.

B. G. Fernald, '98.

La Fayette, Ind., June 6, 1897.

Opposite to this page will be found an illustration of the Delta Delta Chapter. From left to right, back row: Ralph Aldrich Bond, Frank P. Gibson, Adolph C. Rickley; middle row: Charles Forest Flinn, E. Graham Crozier, Carl Cole Wiley, Henry Spenser Badet, Charles Whitall Valentine, M. W. Earhart, Morris W. Evans; front row: Hugh Bryan, Van W. Alling, Benjamin G. Fernald, Albert E. Gilman, Mark M. McGaffey, Brent A. Tozzer.

FIFTH PROVINCE.

OMEGA-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Since the last letter to the QUARTERLY, life at Northwestern has been especially brilliant. The faculty has shut down on parties very severely, but in spite of this there has been more going on in the social line this term than ever before. The annual Pan Hellenic promenade was given at the Country Club, February 19th, and proved a great success. Then our Sig party was given May 28th at the Country Club, and there was a hot time in the old town that night. We had every Sig there who could borrow or steal the required coin, from the oldest charter member to the youngest pledgling. The past week has been devoted to commencement exercises. Brother Kerr got his long-looked-forward-to master's degree in arts, at the final exercises at the Auditorium, June 17th;

Brother Warren was graduated from the college of liberal arts, and Brothers Kirkman and Howes from the law school.

Our new initiates this term are Brothers Harding, '99, and McIntosh, 'oo. They are both very strong men, and ones of whom the beys are all proud. The prospects for next fall are very encouraging; we will have our house full, and everything will be in fine running order. Although Brother Van Doozer can not play on the team next year, he will be elected coach in all probability, and that in itself assures us of a winning eleven. He has entered the political ring in dead earnest this term, having been appointed assistant postmaster.

Omega sends her best wishes to every chapter, and hopes each member will be at Nashville in August. Our delegates are Brothers Harding and Pickrell.

C. P. BARNARD.

Evanston, Ill., June 19, 1897.

THETA THETA-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Again the warm weather has come and college work has been suspended. With the plans for the summer before us, the sorrow of leaving college acquaintances and friends was somewhat assuaged; but it was not without deep feelings of regret that we bade farewell to our three brothers—Stoneman, Alger and Cooper—who are not to be back with us next fall. Brother Stoneman is to continue his work at Andover, where he will prepare for the ministry. His untiring energy, his cheering words and sound advice will be greatly missed by the chapter, but we feel sure that he will always remain a loyal and enthusiastic Sig. Brother Alger, Alpha Pi, '96, has accepted a position as superintendent of schools at Galord, Mich.; while Brother Cooper, who has just taken his master's degree, has accepted a position in Ishpeming, Mich.

The chapter, though losing these three men, has left nineteen interested and enthusiastic workers, who, with possibly one or two exceptions, have expressed a determination to be back next year. Then, though laboring under the disadvantage of not possessing a permanent chapter house of their own, they intend to give Theta Theta a long and sure push toward the top of the ladder, several rounds of which have already been passed.

Since our last letter we have been pleased to receive visits from several loyal Sigs, besides those who chanced here on the various ball teams, some of whom we were unable to meet at the house, either on account of training rules or their short stay in town. On May 22d Brothers Hamblen, Pearce and Kirby were over from Alpha Pi. On June 4th Brother Brumback of Toledo came up to help us explain the



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mysteries of our order to Morey A. Wood of Battle Creek, Mich., John Wistar Harris of Ann Arbor, and Paul P. Ingham of Reed City, Mich., all fine fellows and worthy Sigma Chis. On the evening of June 7th we were happily surprised to have Fisk M. Ray, ex-Alpha Pi, from San Francisco, Cal., walk into our meeting. We were in the midst of an animated discussion of our all-absorbing subject—a chapter house. His advice on the subject was sound, as he was associated with Alpha Pi in her successful efforts in obtaining a home. We are always glad to welcome a brother Sig, so let no one slight us when he chances our way.

In the line of athletics, Michigan is not saying much this year, though our track-team did walk away with Chicago, at Detroit, and did win second place at the inter-collegiate meet at Chicago. Our base-ball team was weak, having but one of last year's 'varsity team among its members. But it took a brace and won a few good games. Tennis has had a great boom; several fine new courts have just been finished, and in the spring tournament the men showed up in good shape. Brother Danforth was on the winning doubles, and lost the singles only when he met the present champion of the University. He was one of the 'varsity representatives at the Chicago meet, and was in the winning doubles in a meet at Albion. His brother, Henry Danforth, a pledged man, won the tennis singles in the inter high-school meet. He enters the University next fall. While speaking of tennis, Theta Theta held a tournament, all her own, which furnished a great deal of amusement, Brother Stoneman carrying off the highly polished tin cup.

Commencement has come and gone, and with it another successful year has been added to the past of Theta Theta. Though it has sometimes been hinted that we have been sleeping, our present roll and position among the other fraternities in the University show that our two years of sub rosa condition were years of activity, and now, under the brightest light that may be turned upon our fair White Cross, we intend that no mar to its beauty shall come from Theta Theta; but by friend-ship, brotherhood and earnest endeavor the fame of Sigma Chi must and shall be increased by her representatives in the University of Michigan, one of the greatest of American educational institutions and a stronghold of Greek-letter fraternities.

With best wishes to all sister chapters, and success to our coming Grand Chapter.

CHARLES F. DELBRIDGE.

Detroit, Mich., July 10, 1897.

Opposite to this page will be found an illustration of the Theta Theta Chapter. The group is divided into four rows, reading from left to right in each row and beginning at the back, the names are as follows: Back

row: Solomon S. Lee, Burton O. Greening, Charles A. Le Fever, Arthur R. Wren, George Granger, Ard E. Richardson; second row: Clarence W. Whitney, Paul G. Ingham, Robert S. Danforth, Le Roy Webster, Albert H. Stoneman, Morey A. Wood; third row: Charles F. Dellridge, William L. Love, Arthur D. Stansell, Carl H. Cooper, Carl S. Kennedy, Hugh Law; fourth row: Ebbie G. Beuret, Lewis B. Alger, John W. Harris, Frank S. Bachelder.

KAPPA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The past year at "Illinois" has been well marked with events of much interest. The school year opened with fine prospects and rapid strides have been made toward advancement. A law school is among the new undertakings and we will open next fall one of the best in the West. Our progress was marred this spring by the misappropriation of the bulk of our endowment fund by a certain "Mr. Spaulding" of the late Globe Savings Bank of Chicago. But the State made good our loss, and we are again on a firm basis. On the night of June 16th lightning struck our natural history building and destroyed it, together with its contents valued at about twenty thousand dollars.

Commencement exercises occurred from June 6th to 10th. baccalaureate address was delivered June 6th, by President Draper. On Monday morning the class-day programme was held in the chapel. Brother Kimball, '94, sang a solo; Brother Porter, '97, gave a violin solo, and Brother Kiler, '97, delivered the motto oration. Monday evening the senior ball occurred; Brother Porter was on the programme committee. Tuesday was alumni day, and 450 people sat down to the alumni dinner. In the afternoon Kappa Kappa held an initiation; we had been saving three fine young fellows, so that our old timers could revive fond recollections—and they did it. As a result we take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Frank Carson, 'or, and Clyde Mathews, 'oi, of Urbana, Ill., and C. T. Martin, 'oi, of St. Louis. These boys are all right in every respect. After the initiation we changed clothes for the banquet. At 10 o'clock P. M. forty "Sigs," all members of K. K., sat down to the finest dinner ever served at the Beardsley. About 11:30 Brother Frank Carnahan announced that before introducing the toastmaster, some letters would be read from those who were unable to be with us. Brother Kiler, '92, read letters of regret from Brothers C. M. Dawson of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; F. M. Gazzalo of Cambridge, Mass., and George N. Morgan of Chicago. Brother Carnahan then introduced as toastmaster Brother Henry L. McCune, '83, of Kansas City. Brother McCune called upon the following men: Wm.

H. Kiler, '97, "Vale"; H. C. Arms, '95, "The Convention"; C. B. Kimball, '94, "Kappa Kappa at the Bar"; C. B. Burdick, '94, "The Song Book"; E. W. Pickard, '88, "Kappa Kappa in Journalism"; C. T. Wilder, '94, "Our Girls"; C. M. Nye, '97, "Kappa Kappa on the Farm"; C. A. Kiler, '92, "Any Old Thing"; W. H. Heath, '83, "Auld Lang Syne." The following non-resident alumni were present: Arthur Pillsbury, '92, Bloomington; L. R. Herrick, '92, Farmer City; H. C. Arms, '95, Chicago; C. B. Burdick, '95, Chicago; H. L. McCune, '83, Kansas City; A. W. Merrifield, '92, Ottawa; C. M. Lewis, '96, Blue Mound; Frank Schlaudeman, '82, Decatur; E. W. Pickard, '88, Chicago; C. B. Kimball, '94, Chicago; V. A. Matteson, '95, Chicago; J. P. Balding, '95, Milwaukee; R. J. Hotchkiss, '96, Peoria; Rob't J. Forbes, '92, Tucson, Ariz.; Henry Wilder, '86, Chicago; George Frederickson, '94, Chicago.

Wednesday was commencement day. The address was delivered by Dr. James H. Canfield, president of the Ohio State University. The following Sigs were graduated: T. B. Beadle, C. M. Nye, H. C. Porter and Wm. H. Kiler. Brother Porter will return next year and do post-graduate work. Brother Beadle is at his home in Kewanee, and is casting his eye in search for a position as a chemist. Brother Nye is also at his home, in Moline, Ill., and will soon be read about as a municipal and sanitary engineer. Brother Kiler has accepted the principalship of the Second-ward school of Dixon, Ill., and hopes to return at a later day and take a law course here.

Our prospects for next year are bright, and we are coming back early.

Brother Joy, 'oo, and Mr. McGill, one of our spikes, upheld our reputation on the base-ball team. By the way, we didn't do a thing to Michigan—3-0, on their own grounds.

We have enjoyed visits from several Sigs from other chapters, and hope to see them again. Fred W. Wilson, '98.

Champaign, Ill., June 24, 1897.

XI XI-UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Commencement has come and gone, leaving Xi Xi in excellent condition. We lose five of our best men; but notwithstanding this we will open strong next fall if nothing prevents any of our undergraduates from returning. We have initiated a total of eighteen men during the past year, our latest initiate being J. S. Worley, of Odessa, Mo., and a right loyal Sig he is. We have one good pledge whom we will put through at the opening of next year, not being able to do so this year on account

of objections of his father. Then let us present to our brothers Mr. Mercer Arnold as a future Sigma Chi. During the past year we have been rather cramped for quarters, the rooms we occupy not being large enough for our purposes, but we have been fortunate in securing larger ones for next year, where we will be glad to welcome any wandering brothers and entertain them with true Missouri hospitality.

In matters of extension we think the present system much better than that proposed in the new constitution, and think we should guard jealously our membership.

Wishing all a pleasant vacation we bid you adieu till next year.

Lawson, Mo., July 14, 1897.

J. D. RIPPEV, '98.

Opposite to page 326 will be found an illustration of the Xi Xi Chapter. The group is divided into three rows. Naming from left to right in each row the brothers are: Back row: H. H. Loller, '97, Geo. W. Crowley, '97, J. H. Hatton, '97, W. Halliburton, '00, A. J. Bass, '99; middle row: J. D. Rippey, '98, M. Phillips, '98, K. Kimmel, '97, M. Arnold, '00; bottom row: O. E. Shultz, '98, S. R. Halstead, '98, W. B. Stewart, '00, G. P. Adams, '98, H. K. Hausen, '98.

ALPHA ZETA-BELOIT COLLEGE.

Beloit College and Alpha Zeta Chapter are feeling happy. The College has good reason to feel so, for, together with Queen Victoria, she has just celebrated her golden jubilee, and will begin her second half-century next year with new enthusiasm, new equipment and new determination. May the future be as kind to her as the past has been!

We of Alpha Zeta also have reason to wear our "Sunday-go-to-meetin" smiles, and to claim the record for the broad grin. Our chapter now numbers twenty, the largest it has ever been; our house is to be enlarged this summer, and we will begin work next fall with a splendid representation in each class, especially among the seniors. We feel that the opportunity has come for setting our own pace, independently of the other fraternities, and for making our chapter mean more to ourselves and the college than ever before.

We initiated two men, both twenty-four carat fine, just before school closed, and are glad to introduce Brothers Edmund Enright, '99, of Janesville, Wis., and Neil Bosworth, '00, of Elgin, Ill. We have four others pledged.

At the exercises of commencement week Brother Lyman won the sophomore prize declamation, and Brother Moore pocketed the Rice prize for extemporaneous speaking. Brother Riggs was awarded the Logan prize for the best contribution to the museum.

The Beloit track-team, under the captaincy of Brother Riggs, did not exactly win in a walk this year; on the contrary, it got right down and sprinted with such a vim that three college records were broken on field-day. Sigma Chi was strictly "de whole ting" in the team; the three star men, Brothers Riggs, McCuskey and W. T. Whitney, hold the college records for the half, mile, and quarter, respectively, while Brother J. D. Whitney was the manager of the team.

For the first time in its history Beloit College has a song book—a splendid volume of over seventy-five pages. It was issued this spring by the junior class, and we believe it to be the only thing of its size and sort ever published west of Ann Arbor. Brother Hecox was the business manager, and did much toward the book's success.

Brothers Kinsley and Meadows represented us on the diamond this year, together with Rob. and Ed. Brown, two pledged men. Brother Moore has been elected editor-in-chief of the college magazine for next fall, while Brother Enright is one of the local editors. Brother Hecox is manager of the glee and mandolin clubs for next year.

Our boys, wherever they are, send best wishes to all Sigma Chis everywhere.

ARTHUR H. WARNER.

Beloit, Wis., July 12, 1897.

ALPHA IOTA-ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Once more the time of year has arrived when wheels of the educational mill cease to grind, marking the completion of another year of school. With the Illinois Wesleyan it has been a year greatly affected by the close times. The enrollment of students was smaller than usual, but the same high character of work was required. Commencement of the college of letters was held in Ann's chapel, on the morning of June 17th. We lost by graduation Brothers Light and Scrimger. These men have been very prominent in the affairs of the college, and are a credit to the institution. In the Fraternity we are indeed in mourning; never were two fellows more loyal Sigs. They have been the backbone and the wise men of Alpha Iota. Brother Light resides in the city, and we are promised his active interest for the future; while Scrimger contemplates pursuing a course in a medical school. Brother Harry L. Fleming, in active membership, graduated with high honors from the college of music.

While the past year was a depressing one in the history of the college it will stand out as a shining light in the history of Alpha Iota. Early in the school year "Scrim" said one day, "Fellows, let's make this year the best year the Sigs ever had in the Wesleyan;" and, to all

appearances we did. As one of our dear Sig girls said: "What the Sigs haven't done this year is not worth thinking about," and that just about expresses it; it was one round of parties and receptions and picnics. Alpha Iota is very fortunate in having a large number of resident members, and we have retained our rooms and are using them this summer. Any Sig who may chance to come to Bloomington this summer will find a warm welcome at our rooms in the Stevenson flats, on Front street. One new member has been added to Alpha Iota and Sigma Chi since our last letter. The initiate was Edgar Heafer, whom we now introduce. Brother Heafer is a son of ex-Mayor Heafer, and has always resided in Bloomington. "Dutch," as he is familiarly called, is a prominent figure in athletics, an all-around good fellow, and a favorite with every one. He is a happy acquisition.

As yet we do not know what will be the condition at the beginning of next school year. Dr. W. H. Wilder has resigned from the presidency, and the vacancy has not yet been filled. We will lose besides the graduating brothers, Brother Rice, who has been engaged to act as principal of the public schools in Normal, Ill.; Brother Harlan, who will act as principal of the Monticello High-school; Brother Lillard, who has taken up a residence in Atlanta, Ga., and, possibly, Brother Fleming, who is thinking of attending school at Leland Stanford University.

Just now Alpha Iota is very much absorbed in the National Convention to be held in Nashville, Tenn., in August. We will have a goodly representation and hope for great benefit from it next year, as it convenes so shortly before the opening of school next fall.

Hoping that all knights of the White Cross not yet through school may return next fall with a haversack full of enthusiasm and the belief that grand old Sigma Chi is the best fraternity in existence, I do not say good-bye but au revoir, or auf wiedersehn.

John B. Colwell.

Bloomington, Ill., July 6, 1897.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Ere the publication of this letter the boys of this chapter will be scattered over the State—some to pass the vacation in pleasant outing, and some to enter into the active pursuit of fortune. The year has been one of great success, both in the University and in the chapter. We have initiated in all eight men this year, the last of whom is Cornelius Sidler of Milwaukee.

In athletics the University teams have been most successful, beginning in the fall with the champion foot-ball team of the West. Our

track-team easily won the Western inter-collegiate track meet, equaling one and breaking one world's record. Base-ball has somewhat revived, but Wisconsin's team was not a winning one, although they won from Michigan and several others. Our crew, while not victorious, rowed a very creditable race, May 29th, against Yale, being beaten by ten seconds in a two-mile race. In the spring regatta the freshman crew, under Brother Tearse as captain, defeated the 'varsity in a one-mile race by about a quarter of a length.

We held our annual banquet Saturday evening, June 19th, at the Capital hotel. It was by far the most successful and pleasant banquet we have ever held. Among those present besides the active chapter were, Brothers Woodard, Latimer, Dexter, Morrison, Hill, Babbitt, Sparling, Schroeder, Slichter, Alverson, Morgan, Wright, Sarles and Atwood. A plan to obtain a chapter house fund was adopted, by which each alumnus and every man leaving the chapter is to give his note for one hundred dollars, payable in from three to five years. By this means we hope to secure enough money to start a chapter house.

The active chapter has renewed its lease on the house occupied at present and will be glad to welcome any Sig who may chance to pass through the "Four Lakes" region.

Ross C. Cornish.

Madison, Wis., June 23, 1897.

ALPHA PI-ALBION COLLEGE.

Alpha Pi began the school year with six men, nine have been initiated, and we now have two pledged men.

The tenth annual Michigan Inter-Collegiate Field Day was held at Hillsdale, June 4th and 5th, and Albion took first place among the six colleges represented in regard to number of medals won. The Relay Cup was again taken by our team, among whose four members were Brothers W. S. Shipp, 'oo, and J. J. Nufer, 'oo, also one of our pledged men, F. T. Reid. We also came in for our share of the other events. Brother Nufer won first place and gold medals in the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes. Brother Shipp gained a medal in the quarter-mile run, while Brother Fred Perine, '98, won gold medals in tennis singles and doubles.

We had an initiation on the night of June 11th. Frank L. Parker, 'o1, of Clinton, was the victim.

On June 12th the annual election of officers for the *Pleiad* took place. Considerable fraternity spirit is usually exhibited in working for the two most important offices. For the last two years, Sigma Chi has held business-manager, therefore Brother Frank Roudenbush, '98, was pushed

for editor-in-chief, and when the time came was unanimously elected to that position. Previous to this he had won the one oratorical contest of the year, the inter-class contest, which comes in May of each year.

Commencement day occurred on June 24th. There was a touch of sadness in the festivities of the week, caused by the resignation of President Lewis R. Fiske, who has most ably conducted the executive office for twenty years, and also of Samuel D. Barr, who has been professor of mathematics for fourteen years. Professor Barr will be succeeded by Henry Benner, a man of wide training and successful experience in teaching, who is now pursuing a special course in mathematics in Germany. The new president has not yet been decided upon by the trustees.

On the evening of June 22nd, we celebrated our eleventh anniversary at our lodge. Over fifty were present to enjoy the festivities. After the menu, toasts were responded to as follows: "The Occasion," W. J. Beazan, '00; "The Ironclad Bonds," W. F. Kendrick, '96; "Gamina," P. B. Brockway, Alpha Pi, ex-'97, Gamma '97, and "What's Left," A. E. McClintock, '01. Afterwards, our only graduating brother, H. G. Pearce, was presented with an appropriate remembrance by the other members of the active chapter.

We have recently pledged Robert Frost, who resides here, and whom we expect to present in due course of time as an active member.

July 13, 1897.

FRED A. PERINE.

ALPHA SIGMA-UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The close of this college year finds Alpha Sigma with brighter prospects than she has had for some time. Four good men have been initiated, one being a sophomore, and three, freshmen. These all expect to return, and with a number of the older members who will be back, will form a good nucleus for next year's chapter.

The boys are agitating the chapter-house question, and if enough of the out-of-town members return to make it feasible, they expect to live together next year. A committee of the chapter has the matter in charge during the summer.

We were sorry to lose by graduation this year, Brothers John M. Bradford (law), and William L. Miller (electrical engineer). Both of these brothers have worked long and earnestly to advance the interests of the chapter, and their absence will be severely felt. However, there are others who will return to take their places and carry on the good work. Both of these brothers will begin the practice of their respective professions; Brother Bradford here in Minneapolis, and Brother Miller in parts as yet unknown.

All of the events of commencement week were very successful. The Senior Promenade, given in the new Armory for the first time, was a fitting finale to the long series of social events which have been unusually numerous and pleasant during the past year. '97 was determined to outdo all previous classes, and succeeded, even to the extent of a larger deficit than usual. The Senior Class Play was perhaps the most entertaining that has ever been given here. Brother Miller took a "large" part in this as Drum Major of the German Band, and won the hearts of all the ladies by his military bearing.

The members of the chapter have scattered for a summer's recreation to their various homes, including the Chapter Editor, who should have written this letter, but left without doing so. May his conscience be smitten sorely when he reads these lines.

Alpha Sigma sends hearty greetings to all sister chapters.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 17, 1897.

ARTHUR B. CHURCH.

SIXTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA EPSILON-UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Another successful year for the University of Nebraska has closed and one of the largest and best classes in the history of the institution has been graduated. Besides the excellent results of our prosperity shown by the class of '97, the year has been marked by many improvements along all lines. The increasing interest in fraternity and athletic spirit deserves especial mention. The former has been very active and vigorous and we are glad to say that the fraternities have been on top in every event of university interest. The close of the year found Alpha Epsilon in excellent condition and next year we will return much stronger than heretofore.

In athletics the university has progressed wonderfully. The field day exercises caused unusual interest and enthusiasm and demonstrated to all lovers of sport the rapid development of athletic sports in western universities. Base-ball has never before received the interest and support that was due it until this season. The team captained by Brother Packard played excellent ball all season but on their long trip they seemed to be victims of circumstance, several having been taken sick.

Commencement with its gaieties and festivities brought also its sorrows which Alpha Epsilon feels in the loss of seven whose companionship has been dear to us. The graduates are as follows: Ralph C.

Saxton, D. W. Hawksworth, L. R. Packard, C. C. Young, D. W. Doubrava, F. J. Gustin and Geo. Risser; the last two from the law school.

Since my last letter, chapters of Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Sigma have been installed in the university fraternity world with rather weak crowds.

We beg to acknowledge letters from many of the sister chapters and trust we may hear from as many as will write.

To all, we send greeting and best wishes for a pleasant vacation and prosperous future.

Lincoln, Neb., July 1, 1897.

George Burgert, Jr.

ALPHA XI-UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Another year has come and gone and with it have come our trials and our triumphs, our disappointments and our successes, but still the members of Alpha Xi may look back on "'96-'97" as one of the brightest years of her now venerable existence. Three of her brothers were graduated, one of whom, Brother Sampson, will return and take post graduate work next year.

Since the last letter, we have initiated two men, Brothers Earnest V. Tuttle, of Salina, Kas., and Fred Speak, of St. Louis, Mo., both are fine men who will honor the White Cross that we all love so well.

The senior play, "The House-boat on the Styx," came off commencement week with the usual success, being repeated by request. Brother Osborn took the part of Shakespeare, with great credit to himself.

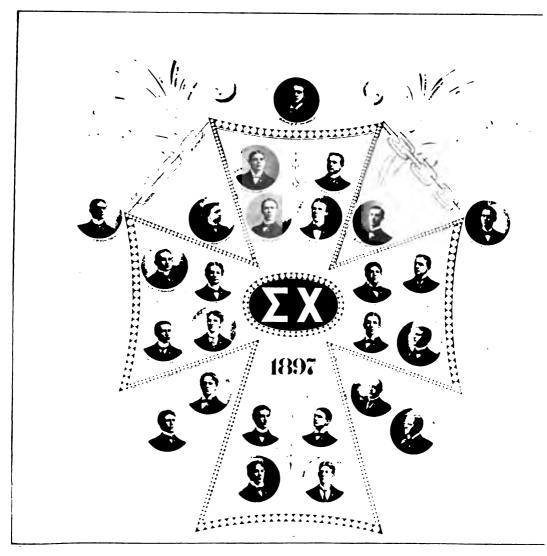
Brother J. E. Lambert, of Emporia, an Omega Sig has been appointed U. S. District Attorney for Kansas by President McKinley, and we know his appointment was a popular one and this chapter wishes him success in his new position.

Brothers Atchison and Goodrich were with us during commencement and Brother Fred Bowersock is home from Northwestern where he was graduated in law, doing the two years work in one.

The law fraternity, Phi Delta Phi, made its initial bow to the fraternity world of Kansas June 7; Brother Wagstaff being one of the charter members.

Alpha Xi fully appreciating the advantages to be derived from a chapter house, will again enter one next year, provided one may be secured which will answer the purpose. Alpha Xi returns next year with eleven strong men, the largest number she ever began the school year with.

We expect to send two or three Sigs to the convention and will help make things as lively as possible.



ALPHA NU CHAPTER. (SEE PAGE 339.)



We wish all brothers many happy hours during their vacation and with wishes of success for all chapters, we will let the curtain fall on "'96-97" and bid you all adieu.

Lawrence, Kas., July 5, 1897. HARRY GRANVILLE CLARK.

On the opposite page will be found an illustration of the Alpha Xi Chapter. From left to right, back row: John Henry, '99, Lawrence, Matthew A. Smith, '00, Cawker City, William B. Sampson, '97, Salina, Claude C. Stanley, '98, Lawrence, Walter A. Lapham, '00, Chanute, Wilfred W. Nelson, '99, Iota, Harry G. Clark, '98, Leavenworth, Wilhoyt Cates, '00, Chanute; middle row: Fred Spead, '98, St. Louis, Edward Schall, '94, Lawrence, Thomas E. Wagstaff, '97, Lawrence, Roy T. Osborn, '97, Salina, Lute E. Thrasher, '96, San Francisco, Geo. H. Rising, '98, Salina; front row: Perry B. Barber, '95, Lawrence, Harry A. Dockman, '98, Wichita, Arthur R. Williams, '00, Lawrence, Robt. B. Wagstaff, '94, Lawrence.

SEVENTH PROVINCE.

ETA-UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The session of 1896-97 closed, leaving Sigma Chi rich in honors and in sweet enjoyment of the golden fruitage that has come from the zeal and ambition of her sons. Eta greets her sister chapters with satisfaction because of a consciousness that Sigma Chi has been honored and because of the decided prestige she has enjoyed in the University of Mississippi the past year. We were represented in all lines of college activity. Our boys have maintained a reputation for scholarship and have distinguished themselves in their various studies. In athletics, Sigma Chi has been in the lead. Brother Fisher has won a reputation for himself as center of our 'varsity foot-ball team and several others are recognized as crack players. In base-ball, Brothers Monette, Gibson and Knox proved themselves among the best players on the field.

Brother Jones led the gymnasium team this year and Brothers Cashman and Kimbrough were experts in that line. In tennis we were represented by Brothers Knox and Miller. Both the Orchestra and Glee Club were indebted to Sigma Chi for some of their best material. Three of the magazine staff were from Eta, while Brother M. G. Evans contributed largely to the success of our annual, the majority of the poems were of his composition.* Probably the most marked success of the year, and the one which has put Sigma Chi in the most prominence,

^{*}Can't Brother Evans write something for our song book? - Editor.

has been along oratorical lines. The University of Mississippi has enjoyed quite an awakening in oratory in the past year or two, and the latent, native powers of oratory, so characteristic of our Southland, have been developed among none so much as Sigma Chi. Brother M. B. Leavell won the first freshman medal of Phi Sigma Society; Brother Jno. D. Miller the first freshman medal of Hermaean Society. Your scribe took the Salutatorianship and the first sophomore medal, and Brother M. G. Evans won the senior medal of Phi Sigma Society.

Eta lost four of her most loyal sons by graduation this session; these were Brothers M. G. Evans, W. B. Watkins, W. T. Pate, of the literary department and J. O. S. Sanders, of the law school. Surely four more manly or noble-hearted Sigs never went out from a chapter in one session. Eta breathes her richest benediction upon their deserving lives as they go forth, and fondly anticipates for them an onward and upward career. During their university course they have won for themselves the esteem of their instructors and the lasting friendship of their fellow students.

"May all your virtues with your years improve,

'Till, in consummate worth, you shine

The pride of these our days, and of succeeding years—

A bright example."

We expect a majority of our boys back next session. Already plans have been discussed and preparations for more telling work has been made. We have one united desire—to make Sigma Chi lead, and our inspiration comes from the love we bear to the sacred emblem of our order.

Eta will be well represented at our coming convention at Nashville. Brother H. F. Fisher, of Moss Point, was chosen as the chapter's representative and four or five other brothers will be in attendance.

Eta extends her kindest wishes to her sister chapters.

University, Mississippi, July 11, 1897.

L. P. LEAVELL.

ALPHA NU-UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Alpha Nu has just closed a most successful year, having done well in every particular, more especially in the selection of men. During the year ten men took up the White Cross and they have borne it with credit to Sigma Chi. Never were ten finer fellows gotten together. Alpha Nu with her twenty-six men deserves all the pride that can be called forth from the bosom of every humble Sig. The perfect unity of the Alpha Nu has been noticed by everyone, and a Sig could be known by his associates. Our success was further marked by our entertain-

ments. The final affair was at Hyde Park, Friday, June 11. The rain that evening ruined all of our decorations and arrangements upon the lawn; but even with all that, two hundred people spent the evening with us, and the dance in the pavilion was enjoyed by all. Once more it is our delight to pay tribute to Mrs. W. H. Tobin, to whom we owe all our success in the social line. We were glad to have Brother E. Dick Slaughter with us again, and only wish that he will be in the service of Alpha Nu in the coming year. We were honored by the presence of representatives from every fraternity at the university; and here I want to say that a very friendly feeling exists between the nine fraternities represented at the University of Texas; yet there is a strong rivalry for supremacy. This fact was evidenced during commencement by the entertainments of Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi. Each affair was a credit to its fraternity and to the university.

But the session of '96-'97 is gone, and with it goes some of the best Sigs of Alpha Nu. Brothers E. Gee Abbott and Branch Smith were graduated in the law and henceforth will be busily engaged in its practice at Hillsboro and Austin. Brother Adolphus Andrews has received the appointment to the United States Naval Academy; Brother Milton Howe has gone railroading at Houston. Others are uncertain about returning, but we expect to commence the coming session with a good number.

The session of '97-'98 promises to mark a great development in the growth of the University of Texas. The legislature has made a very liberal appropriation, and already new instructors have been engaged. The courses leading to degrees have been remodeled and a great increase of attendance is expected. In conclusion, Alpha Nu expects to lead in this procession of growth and development, and rely upon it that Sigma Chi will be at the top at the University of Texas for years to come.

Dallas, Texas, June 26, 1897. ALEX. CAMP.

Opposite to page 336 will be found an illustration of the Alpha Nu Chapter. Beginning with the extreme left of the cross as it is looked at, then going to the top and then to the right the three brothers are respectively: J. William Tobin, William H. Richardson, Jr., C. R. Byras. Dividing the body of the pin into seven rows and naming from left to right, the brothers are as follows: First row, top: E. Dick Slaughter, Alex. Camp; second row: Horace C. Hall, J. Milton Howe, Franklin E. Smith, Brooks Stafford; third row: George A. Robertson, Robert W. Howell, Herbert D. Ardrey, Branch Smith; fourth row: Marshall P. Graham, William J. Lawther, F. Marion Law, Lee Hume; fifth row: Richard C. Harris, William A. Swain; sixth row: S. Tod

Lowry, E. Gee Abbott, F. Chas. Hume, Jr., William E. Howard; seventh row: Lewis Maverick, Evan S. Easton.

ALPHA OMICRON-TULANE UNIVERSITY.

It is all over, even the shout. We have heard from the "finals," commencement week has gone too swiftly by, the mercury is playing hide-and-seek with one hundred degrees and ninety-seven is an academic "has been." Commencement week opened with Senior Class Day, where Brother Hayward carried off the honors with his highly original poem, and closed with the commencement hop, which, owing to the able management of Brother Grant and his associates on the committee, was even more enjoyable than it usually is. Between them came the academic commencement, where the Sigs played their accustomed parts. Brothers Hayward and F. A. Monroe were chosen as two of the four commencement speakers, and the latter also won the medal for mathematics. Of all our medals, this is the most difficult of attainment and, on this account, eight years have passed since it was last awarded, though many have attempted to win it during that time.

Though she might well afford to do so, Tulane is not content to rest on her laurels. The man who will represent us in Nashville has been chosen, and the debate for next year with Texas is now a certainty. At Nashville all the important southern colleges will be represented, and she who wins will have an orator to be proud of. We have discovered another thing which shows development and originality on the part of Tulane students. We present to the Greek world the "High School Branch" of an American college fraternity. We hear that the said "frat" has, at present, petitions from seven kindergartens and a day nursery. We wish them a sincere good (?) speed.

No one denies that Tulane's '97 base-ball season was a failure, but rumor has it that this unfortunate state of affairs was directly due to the absence of Sigs from the team. Our team will do better next time for the simple, yet all-sufficient reason that they can do no worse. The Spring games were a decided success. Four local records and one S. A. A. record were broken, showing that our athletes did good work in training. Louisiana State University participated in our games, and even went so far as to capture one third prize. Brothers Hayward, Murphy, Grant and Westfeldt represented their respective classes in the relay race, and as '97 had most Sigs in her team she won easily.

Jambalaya is out; and, as no one is disappointed in any way, the editors are to be congratulated. Brother Hayward, who represents us among the "Blots," will, we feel sure, soon rise to a high position in his chosen



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circle in the "Pony" Club; Brother Grant will continue to gain prestige, but we fear that Brother Monroe will get into trouble with the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" if he continues to work his poor jade so hard.

We had an initiation the other night. It was one of those you read about in cobweb-covered books. Sir William was there, as slick as possible, with plenty of red pepper in his beard. We present Brothers Harry Forsyth, H. M. Krumbhaar and R. M. Murphy to our brothers for fraternal greeting and to the world at large for congratulations. All these men have brothers in the fraternity, but even that great recommendation would not have sufficed them had we not been certain that each was a genuine good fellow. Brother Forsyth was full back on his school team, captain and pitcher of its base-ball nine, and won the broad jump in the recent inter-scholastic games. Brother Krumbhaar played a pretty quarter for his team, contributing greatly to its success. Brother Murphy is the student of the crowd. He has led his classes in everything so far and is not likely to give up his position. All three are good men and Alpha Omicron is proud of them.

Opposite to this page will be found an illustration of the Alpha Omicron Chapter. Dividing into three rows and reading from left to right in each case, the brothers are as follows: First row, back: George Westfeldt, J. F. Richardson, J. P. Parker, Vic. Smith, T. M. Logan, W. B. Forsyth, G. K. Logan, J. B. Murphy; second row: W. H. Hayward, F. A. Monroe, Jr., W. B. Grant, John May, George Maguire; third row: J. B. Monroe, S. S. Labouisse.

ALPHA PSI-VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Psi closed her year at college very auspiciously and happily and is looking forward with great pleasure to entertaining the Grand Chapter. Alpha Psi secured her share of honors at the close of this year. The greatest honor of the year was won by the Vanderbilt contestants in the Vanderbilt-Sewanee debate, which is an annual affair and of which series Vanderbilt now holds the championship. One of Vanderbilt's representatives was Brother Theodore Brewer, who has distinguished himself in every line of college literary work. Brother Henry Beach Carre took the medal for a thesis in Hebrew. We are no longer surprised at such an honor in his favor, for we have seen him win a medal every year since his connection with the university. Brother Lovelace won the Founder's medal in oratory on May 27th, and is treasurer of the glee club for the coming season. Brother Irving Miller has been elected manager of the track team for next year.

We will not write a longer letter as we expect to shake the hand of every Sig within a short time and give them all a right royal welcome to our southland.

GRIFFIN M. LOVELACE.

Nashville, Tenn., August 3, 1897.

EIGHTH PROVINCE.

ALPHA UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

How dull it is! It almost seems as though the old world had stopped with the closing of the college year. To be sure, we can go to the beaches, and have occasional matinee dances, and pleasant bicycle excursions, and all that, but—it's different. O, for the joys of a college life, and a wish that it never should end! This vacation season is comparatively slow. We of Alpha Upsilon, however, are too firmly in love with old Sigma Chi to let the summer laziness so overcome us as to make us lose or lessen our interest in her advancement. As most of our members remain in the city or vicinity during the interim, we are keeping up our meetings, and even planning to win new honors for Sigma in the coming year. The annual reunion and banquet, of which an account was sent to the Quarterly, was an inspiring affair.

Shading our eyes (for the view is so bright it would dazzle them) let us look back for a moment over the record since we last spoke with you in the QUARTERLY. First, what of our seniors? They were two-Brothers Thomson and Spencer; the former was graduated at the head of his class, and won the "Lottie Lane Medal" for superior excellence in the work of the college course. And what did "Freddie" do? Well, brothers, if you could have been in the assembly-room of Pomona College on the night of May 10th, during the occurrence of the sixth annual inter-collegiate oratorical contest, and could have witnessed Brother P. C. M. Spencer (with a beautiful diamond-studded white cross, borrowed for the occasion, shining in all its splendor from his vest front) win the said contest, and then could have heard the "Who, who, who am I?" ring out on the startled air, I am sure that you would have understood how it is that we're so proud of him. Three times has am ember of Alpha Upsilon represented the U.S.C. in this contest, and all with great credit; but it was left for "dear, sweet Freddie," as one of the dignified young ladies called him, to entice shy Victory to one representing the cardinal and gold, and who wore the blue and gold. All honor to our men of '97! Of juniors we have none—although one of our Sig girls of '98 is going to win the medal next year. Brother Jones, '99, received from the student body the election to the editorship of the Courier, a

magnificent tribute to his known ability in that line. We might go on, and on—tell of how Brother Myers is the bright, gleaming luminary in the medic. college, and how all the rest are noted for brilliant accomplishments, but we'll spare you.

As our delegate to the Grand Chapter, Brother Lewis R. Garrett has been chosen. We are expectantly looking forward to the grand results, which we anticipate will come from the bi-yearly meeting of loyal representatives from our many chapters. Sigma Chi has done nobly during the past year. The veil of the future, if removed, would, doubtless, present to us an outlook beyond complaint. Here's to Sigma Chi—to the faithful men who have guided her so well;—to the true brothers who have given their best efforts that our Fraternity might gain the place she now holds. In hoc signo vinces! To all brethren our hand is extended for the sacred grasp, and to all we send our best wishes.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 6, 1897. FOSTER CARLISLE WRIGHT.

ALPHA OMEGA-LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY.

It devolves, unexpectedly, upon the undersigned to write the July letter, the Tribune being, presumably, far away on the Pacific board, upon a vacation voyage to the South seas.

Owing to the early closing of our university our members have been enjoying their vacation for over two weeks. The year just closed was a successful one for Stanford; she received her share of the "events," and graduated a large and promising class. This is the second class since the "Pioneers," and is one of the evidences of the University's maturity. The register for the ensuing year gives indication of the gradual strengthening of the courses.

Alpha Omega ended the year somewhat weakened in numbers but full of hope for a prosperous year to come. There are rumors of vacation "rustling" already, which must bring good results. With an excellent house, and a good supply of enthusiasm, we hope to be in a position to meet the incoming class right, and welcome as well any brother who may drop in on us.

Percy E. Davidson.

San Diego, Cal., June 15, 1897.

NINTH PROVINCE.

NU NU-COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Greeting! Vacation reigns supreme at Columbia. All the members of Nu Nu are now at their respective summer places, taking advantage of this season of recreation. Sigma Chi should indeed be proud of Nu

Nu. This chapter has been increased by members, whose social relations and intellectual abilities reflect honor upon her.

Nineteen, out of the twenty members, who compose Nu Nu have been consulted in regard to the results of their examinations, and it is found that all have passed without conditions. So our sister chapters may see that Sigma Chi is ably represented at Columbia. At our last meeting a committee was appointed to negotiate for Fraternity quarters at Columbia's new site on Morningside Heights, New York City, and, although no official report has been received, it is believed that the committee is about to close a contract for one of the finest houses in that locality.

New York City.

EDWARD J. FARLEY.

ALPHA PHI-CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The college year closed during the second week in June, and while we are very glad to have vacation come, yet we feel very sorry to part with four of our members, who graduated; these are Brothers Aldrich, Bartlett, Herbert and Squire. Brother Aldrich may, however, return to take graduate work in the college of law. A week or so before commencement we had the pleasure of initiating Brother Alexander B. Tappen, a member of the freshman class and a resident of New York City.

Should all who expect to return to college in the fall do as expected, we will have fifteen to begin the year with, and judging from the past year or so, we can expect at least four or five to join us from the other chapters, so that the outlook for the coming year is very bright.

Brother Clyde P. Johnson, '95, was with us for a little over a week about the middle of May, and during his stay he spent a considerable amount of his time in coaching the 'varsity base-ball team, of which he was captain in '95, and upon which we were represented by Brother Brown, who played third-base, and Brother King, substitute catcher.

At the close of college the majority of the chapter left for Pough-keepsie, and their stay during the races was made exceptionally pleasant, as three of the active chapter—Brothers I. Platt, F. Platt and Wiley Brown—are residents of Poughkeepsie. From fifty to sixty Sigs were in town during the races, and among them were many of Alpha Phi's alumni. The afternoon after the first freshman race Mrs. John I. Platt, mother of the Platt boys, gave a tea to the members of the glee club and friends. The same evening the clubs gave a concert in the Opera-house. During the races Brother McLaughlin looked after the publication of the Cornell Sun, of which he is business manager, and which was published at Poughkeepsie. Alpha Phi feels greatly elated at the outcome of the races, but all the boys deeply regretted Pennsylvania's misfortune.

Ithaca, N. Y., July 2, 1897.

ARTHUR BEAVERS RAYMOND.



THE COLLEGE FELLOW.

(For the Sigma Chi Song Book.)

TUNE: THE POPE.

The college fellow's life is gay,

He sports around the live long day,

His clothes are all so very fine

I wish this jolly life were mine.

But still he may not have a friend, On whom he always can depend; No one in whom he can confide, No comrade ever at his side.

But now he goes and joins a "frat,"
He wears a pin and all of that,
He and his chums are very thick,
I'd like his lot for mine to pick.

But sometimes "frats" are very bum,
Their members from the backwoods come,
They bid most any Irish Pat
I would not change my lot for that.

For I'm a loyal Sigma Chi;
No other "frat" can with her vie,
No other one on earth for me;
A Sigma Chi I'll always be.

GORDON HOUSTON, Zeta, '98.

Personalia.

"FOUND—In Los Angeles, Cal., a medium-sized pin, set with twelve diamonds, three in each arm; no inscription on back; arms joined with ropes instead of chains; lock catch broken off; pin probably made by Newman. Owner can recover same by applying to Brother A. P. Thomson, 224 N. Soto street, Los Angeles, Cal."

Robert J. Rice, Delta Chi, is with R. G. Dun & Co., at Chicago.

Branch Smith, Alpha Nu, '97, will practice law at Austin, Texas.

Albert A. Stoneman, Theta Theta, '97, will enter Andover next fall.

E. Gee Abbott, Alpha Nu, '97, will practice law at Hillsboro, Texas.

John M. Bradford, Alpha Sigma, '97, will practice law in Minneapolis.

Edwin L. Shuman, Omega, '87, is literary editor of the Chicago Tribune.

- A. M. Bixler, Theta, ex-'99, is on the artists' corps of the Baltimore American.
- J. L. Mauzy, Sigma Sigma, ex-'96, is doing evangelical work in Kentucky.

Nick Banks, Eta, '96, is engaged in mercantile pursuits at Hernando, Mississippi.

Ralph M. Strawbridge, Kappa, ex-'85, is now located in Pittsburg practicing law.

- F. L. Young, Xi Xi, '96, is practicing law at Joplin, Mo., and is quite successful.
- John J. Huddleston, Eta, '92, is rusticating on his plantation after having completed the present session of his school at Endora, DeSoto County, Mississippi.
- H. H. Lotter, Xi Xi, '97, will be junior member of the firm of Lotter & Son, Moberly, Mo.
- Wm. H. Kiler, Kappa Kappa, '97, has accepted the principalship of a Dixon, Ill., school.

The Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Theta, '66, is pastor of the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.

- Ulie J. Howard, Zeta Zeta, '95, is mentioned for the Legislature from city of Covington, Ky.
- A. B. Church, Alpha Sigma, is practicing law in Minneapolis. Offices in the Kasota Building.
- J. H. Dorman, Zeta Zeta, '95, has a position with the Kentucky Court of Appeals in Frankfort.
- J. T. Britan, Chi, '97, has been elected president of the Presbyterian College at Anna, Illinois.

Morrison Breckinridge, Zeta Zeta, '94, is back in Danville, Ky., from a stay in Central America.

Hugh C. Smith, Theta Theta, '94, was elected city attorney of Trenton, Missouri, at the April election.

George Taylor, Chi, '86, has been elected superintendent of the Jefferson County, Indiana, schools.

Charles A. Graves, Zeta, '69, has been elected dean of the Washington and Lee University Law School.

Wm. H. H. Baxter, Theta, ex-'98, attended lectures during the past winter at a dental college in Louisville, Ky.

Edmund H. Reppert, Kappa, ex-'77, is the Republican candidate for judge in Fayette county, Pennsylvania.

Rev. G. L. Macintosh, Delta Chi, '84, was elected alumni trustee of Wabash College at the recent commencement.

Frank Hersh, Theta, '92, has accepted an appointment as head chemist of the Buffalo Iron Company, Buffalo, N. Y.

On May 31st the Sigs in Southern California held a reunion at Los Angeles, at which quite a number were present.

Edmund Kelly Fox, Theta, '96, was graduated from the law department of the Georgetown University on June 7th.

Brother Alger, Alpha Pi, '96, Theta Theta, '97, has accepted the position of superintendent of the Galord schools.

Holcomb M. Robertson, Sigma Sigma, '96, will attend the school of medicine at the University of Virginia next session.

Ross C. Cornish, Alpha Lambda, '97, has accepted a position on the United States Geological Survey at Sidney, Nebraska.

- J. H. Hatton, Xi Xi, '97, has been elected president of Grand River College, a growing young institution at Gallatin, Mo.
- F. C. Holmes, Eta, '90, has a most lucrative chancery law practice at Hernando, Mississippi. The senior member of his firm died last August and all their old clients remained with Brother Holmes.

Grand Historian Robert Farnham, Jr., Epsilon and Alpha Rho, '99, has been elected assistant manager of the Lehigh lacrosse team.

Harry M. Wolf, Theta, '84, is cashier of the Farmers' Bank, of Mifflinberg, Penn. He likes his work and is giving satisfaction.

Charles W. Humrichouse, Theta, ex-'97, has been made junior partner in his father's wholesale coffee and sugar house in Baltimore.

George D. Meiklejohn, Theta Theta, '80, of Nebraska, was appointed last April by President McKinley to be assistant secretary of war.

- L. A. Burrell, Theta, '72, is a member of the Pomeroy Iron and Steel Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. His address is 771 McMillan street.
- T. B. Southal, Sigma Sigma, ex-'94, has completed his course at Union Theological Seminary and accepted a call at Austin, Texas.
- A. D. Lunt, M. M. E., Alpha Phi, '93, received the degree L. M. from the Columbian University Law School at its last commencement.
- J. E. Lambert, Esq., Omega, '75, of Emporia, Kansas, has been appointed by President McKinley to be U. S. District Attorney for Kansas.
- F. W. Ranno, Alpha Theta, '89, is located at La Porte, Indiana, as resident engineer of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company.
- J. L. Stuart, Sigma Sigma, '96, after a most successful year of teaching at Pautops Academy, Virginia, has been re-elected to the chair of Latin and Greek.
- The Rev. C. M. Stock, Theta, '74, has been re-appointed by the Grand Master one of the Grand Chaplains of the Masonic Order for the State of Pennsylvania.
- Brother J. H. Price, Eta, '90, is one of the most popular and prominent lawyers in Southern Mississippi, having met with much success ever since his graduation.
- J. P. Hall, Alpha Phi, '94, has been graduated from the Harvard Law School, where he secured more than his share of honors. He will practice law in Buffalo.

- Brother H. P. Seymour, of Alpha Alpha, was ordained to the deaconate in the Episcopalian church on the 17th day of June last at Holy Innocents Church, Hoboken, N. J.
- B. F. Jones, Eta, '90, is with Dockery & Emerson, Cub Lake, Mississippi, as secretary and treasurer. This is one of the largest furnishing houses in Northwest Mississippi.

Brother Light, Alpha Iota, '97, gave the Fourth-of-July oration at the Wapella celebration. Newspaper comments were very flattering. It was his first effort before the public.

Brother Edward O. Warner, Alpha Rho, '94, is in the employ of the Japanese government as inspecting engineer of the locomotives, being built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

Brother L. Irving Wheeler, Alpha Phi, '93, is now located at New London, Connecticut, as junior engineer in the United States engineering corps at that place. His address is 64 Hempstead street.

John T. Dickinson, Gamma Gamma, '74, Psi, '78, is president of the Klondyke-Alaska Gold Mining, Transportation and Trading Company of Chicago, with offices in Western Union Building, Chicago.

At the annual reunion of the alumni of the Northwestern University medical school, at the Palmer House, Chicago, last June, Dr. Frank T. Andrews, Omega, '81, was re-elected president of the association.

Chas. Lewis, Zeta Zeta, '82, is an active politician in Congressman John S. Rhea's district. He is a member of the State Central Committee of the Democratic party, and is in line for enviable political honors.

Will W. Irwin, Zeta Zeta, '81, Wheeling, W. Va., was elected potentate of Osiris Temple A. A. O. N. M. Shrine at the last meeting and representative to the Imperial Council which met in Detroit June 8th, 9th and 10th last.

Ade & M'Cutheon, Delta Delta, have recently issued another of their delightful books. It is known as "Pink Marsh" and is published by H. S. Stone & Co., Chicago.

S. B. Durand, Alpha Lambda, '91, is associated with his brother, Loyal Durand, in insurance business at 377 Broadway, Milwaukee, Wis., and is also secretary of the Utility Mnfg. Co. and the Milwaukee Association of Credit Men.

Rev. Martin D. Hardin, Zeta Zeta, '93, has accepted a call to Green Hill Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, and will take charge in Septem-

- ber. Miss Letitia Stevenson Hardin is the name of a fair little arrival at Brother Hardin's home.
- R. A. Linke, Alpha Phi, '94, was graduated from the law school of the National University in May. The degrees were conferred by President McKinley, who congratuated each graduate personally in his usual happy and graceful manner.
- John R. Hoagland, Theta, '69, is now located at St. Paul as secretary and assistant treasurer of the Ohio Coal Company. Brother Hoagland, for many years an enthusiastic member of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, will be sadly missed.
- Oliver B. Snider, Xi, '83, attorney-at-law at Toledo, Ohio, represented that district in the recent convention of Republicans in Ohio at which present Governor Asa Bushnell was renominated and M. A. Hanna endorsed for the United States Senate.
- S. Alford Blackburn, Zeta Zeta, '96, finished his second year at medical school of Columbian University creditably, and is spending his vacation in alternate attendance upon "Uncle Joe's" political "confabs" and upon social functions of the Blue Grass.
- Loyal Durand, Alpha Lambda, '91, succeeded to the fire insurance agency of Mr. A. F. James, and has also become the state agent of the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation of London for the state of Wisconsin, with headquarters at 377 Broadway, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Hon. A. F. McCormick, Gamma, '84, was recently chosen by the Republicans of Adams County, Indiana, as their candidate as representative to the next legislature. As Adams County is of a Republican tendency and Brother McCormick is popular with all classes, the nomination is equivalent to an election.
- E. E. Brougher, Eta, '87, is principal of the Hughes Springs, Texas, High School. The Hughes Springs school is an institution supported by private citizens, independently of state aid. We hope Brother Brougher great success in his new situation. He is an enthusiastic Sig and sends many personal items to the QUARTERLY.
- S. R. Ireland, Theta Theta, '89, has severed his connection as counsel to the Guarantee Savings, Loan and Investment Co., one of the large financial institutions of Washington, D. C., and has opened an office at 1416 F street, N. W., for the practice of law, with special attention to patents, pensions and cases before the court of claims.



Dr. Robert H. Harvey, M. D., Omega, '89, has recently returned from Vienna where he has been studying advanced medical branches for two years. Brother Harvey has opened an office at Lake avenue and Forty-Third street. He has been appointed pathologist for St. Luke's and is acting pathologist for Mercy, two of the largest hospitals in Chicago.

Francis E. Brewer, Alpha Phi, '92, has been elected secretary of the New York Alumni Chapter. His address is No. 177 West Seventy-Third street, New York City. Brother Brewer has been, during the past year, connected with the Newark, New Jersey, Academy, having charge of the French department and some work, in addition, in the Latin department.

At the triangular race between the Yale, Harvard and Cornell crews, Sigma Chi, through the Alpha Phi chapter, was very prominent. Almost the entire chapter was present, and, among other things, Brother E. Maujer McLaughlin represented the *Cornell Sun*. In a social way, also, the boys did themselves proud. Mrs. John I. Pratt, mother of two Sigs, entertained the glee club.

Charles Alling, Esq., Chi,'85, Theta Theta,'88, was elected to the common council of Chicago from the third ward at the last April election. Brother Alling was one of the very few Republican candidates who weathered the overwhelming storm. He has received very flattering committee nominations, being on the "Judiciary," "Rules," and "Streets and Alleys South," all very important committees.

Nathan Powell, Chi, '84, of Madison, Indiana, is spending a few months at 1106 North Tejou street, Colorado Springs, Colo., for the benefit of the health of his wife, formerly Miss Susie Pendleton, of Cincinnati. Brother Powell was Grand Praetor of the Fourth Province in 1886-87, and has met many members of the Fraternity in his extensive travels at home and abroad, whom he always found royal good fellows.

At the recent convention of American Institute of Homeopathy held at Buffalo, N. Y., Brother Van Lennep, M. D., Sigma '76, delivered an address on appendicitis. Of it the *Philadelphia Press* says:

One of the most interesting of all the papers of the session was that read to-day by Dr. W. B. Van Lennep, the distinguished Philadelphia surgeon on the subject of "Appendicitis." Dr. Van Lennep has been extraordinarily successful in his management of appendicitis and being regarded as a high authority on the subject. His paper, which treated the matter clearly and exhaustively, was listened to with keen interest.

Gen. Runkle, with his untiring energy in the cause of Sigma Chi, has associated with himself several of our Washington alumni, among

them Dr. Farnham, Rev. Dr. Radcliffe, Sam Ireland, et al., for the purpose of assuring a good attendance from Washington and the East at the convention. A very pretty folder, showing scenes along the route of the Chesapeake & Ohio road, has been gotten up. Special rates from Washington, etc., are announced. Rates from other cities, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Richmond, etc., to Washington, are given. It is the idea to make Washington a common center for all Sigs within reach intending to go to Nashville.

At the recent commencement of the Illinois Wesleyan University Grand Quaestor Nate received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. This was on a course of non-resident work which the institution carries on, matriculates being required to visit the University only for the purpose of passing the various examinations. The *Illinois Wesleyan Magasine*, the organ of the graduate departments, has the following to say in its commencement issue concerning Brother Nate:

Mr. Nate entered the Wesleyan in 1884, and during his entire college course took a prominent part in all questions of interest to the student. He graduated in 1890, and in the fall of the same year entered Union Law College, of Chicago, and received the LL. B. degree from Northwestern University in 1892. In the winter of '92 and '93 he studied law at the University of Berlin. Since his return he has been practicing law in Chicago, and has been eminently successful in all his professional transactions. When in college he became a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and he has held many of the highest offices bestowed by that order. In spite of the many demands made upon him he has found time to complete, with great credit to himself, the work required for the Ph. D. degree, and by none has work been more carefully performed.

MARRIAGES.

Married, at Flint, Mich., June 29, 1897, De Mont Goodyear, Alpha Pi, '96, and Miss Lulu M. Holtzlander.

- J. Franklin Walker, Alpha Pi, '96, was married June 25, 1897, to Miss Lillian Belle Dickerson, at Howell, Mich.
- F. E. Pratt, Alpha Rho and Alpha Phi, and Miss Elizabeth L. Wheeler were married at Nicholson, Pa., July 7, 1897.
- John D. Ferguson, Chi, '87, was married July 4 to Miss Louise Maguire, of Lexington, Ky. Mr. Ferguson has been practicing law at Jeffersonville, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson visited Chicago on their wedding trip and were so much pleased with the city that they now contemplate making it their home.

On Thursday, July 22d, Brother Herman Bernard Schmidt, Zeta Psi, '85, formerly of Chicago, but now of Cincinnati, was married in

Cleveland to Miss Venney Irene Le Mont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McCaslin. Brother Schmidt is one of the old guard, and in the past has been a highly valued contributor to the Quarterly, many of his articles being among the most interesting ever presented to our readers. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt will make their home at the San Marco, Cincinnati.

Married, May 6, 1897, Jesse Jay Shuman, Omega, '90, and Miss Esther Munroe, daughter of State Senator and Mrs. George H. Munroe, at their residence in Joliet; Rev. J. H. Laing of St. John's Universalist Church officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Katherine Palmer of Springfield, Ill., and the best man was Hon. Ed C. Curtis, speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, who was a close friend of Brother Shuman at Northwestern. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends and relatives, including many Sigs. The young couple went at once to housekeeping in a new home on Fish avenue, just outside the city of Joliet. Brother Shuman is in the office of the Illinois Steel Company at their works in that city.

Of the marriage of Brother Carlton Hunt Foster, Omicron, '93, the Carlisle (Pa.) Sentinel says:

At twelve o'clock to-day Carl Foster, Esq., of Bridgeport, Conn., and Miss Delia Norcross were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. George Norcross, father of the bride, at the Norcross mansion on South Hanover street, in the presence of a few invited guests. The wedding was a quiet one. After the ceremony the friends gathered, sang a nuptial song and pelted the newly married with roses. The groom is a prominent and successful attorney of Bridgeport, Conn., and a graduate of Dickinson college, class '93. He is a son of Rev. Dr. I. M. Foster, of Philadelphia, a well known Methodist clergyman. The bride is the eldest daughter of Rev. Dr. George Norcross, and is a most accomplished and popular young lady. She attended Metzger college, studied music at the Philadelphia conservatory of music and also at Leipsic, Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster left on the 2:05 train for their new home at Bridgeport, Conn.

Of the marriage of Brother Louis Ireton, Alpha Gamma, the Cincinnati Enquirer says:

There was a brilliant wedding at Madisonville yesterday, with 700 guests at the church and 300 at the house. The bride was Miss Frances Miller, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Miller, and the groom was Mr. Louis Allen Ireton, a prosperous young attorney, who is associated in his profession with Mr. Scott Bonham.

The ceremony was performed at 7:30 o'clock at the Madisonville M. E. Church, the pastor, Rev. D. Lee Aultman, officiating. Miss Lusbey, the organist, played the "Tannhauser" march as the bridal party entered, and during the impressive services "Oh, Promise Me," rendering the Mendelssohn march at the close.

It was a fraternity wedding, the Sigma Chi colors, pale blue and gold, prevailing as far as possible. The pulpit was decorated with palms and smilax, and a huge bouquet of yellow roses adorned the altar.

The ushers, Messrs. Fred Miller, George Harper, Clyde Johnston, Edward Powell,

of Columbus, and Peter Adams, of Highlands, Ohio, and the maids, Miss Cora Selby, of Portsmouth, Ohio; Miss Julia Sowers, of Urbana, Ohio; Miss Nell McLain, of Greenfield, Ohio; Miss Fanny Holmes and Miss Blanche Conkling, of Madisonville entered simultaneously at opposite sides of the church.

The maids were all similarly gowned in pale blue or yellow taffeta, under pointe de esprit. Those gowned in yellow carried yellow roses, and white roses formed a pretty contrast to the blue gowns.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of the Ohio Wesleyan University, so that the color scheme was particularly significant.

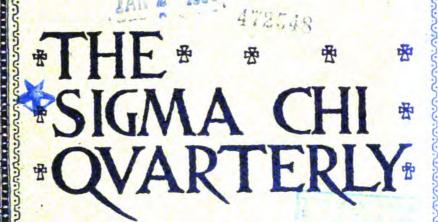
" " After a reception held at the Miller residence the couple left for a trip to Mexico City, and after about two months their friends will find them at the Miller home for the remainder of the summer. In the autumn they will build upon the choice lot which Mr. Miller presented to his daughter for a bridal present.

OBITUARY.

Brother Luther T. Deininger, Theta, '70, died August 3, 1897, at his home in York, Pennsylvania, at the age of fifty years. Of him the Philadelphia *Press* says:

The deceased was a son of the late Rev. Constantine J. Deininger, the eminent Lutheran minister. He was prominent as a fireman and Mason, and received his education in the public schools and at Pennsylvania College. During his life he was engaged in the book and stationery business and later in the general insurance business. He was a leading member of the Vigilant Steam Fire Engine Company. Becoming a member in 1866, he held minor offices, then secretary, vice-president, and lastly president, being re-elected without opposition for nineteen years. He was a trustee for over twenty years, was elected to Councils for several terms and was president of the Common branch for two terms. Ill health caused him to decline to be a candidate at the expiration of his term.

He was a promoter of the city fire alarm, its superintendent for a period. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, Fireman's Union and a leading member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He leaves a wife, one son and one daughter.





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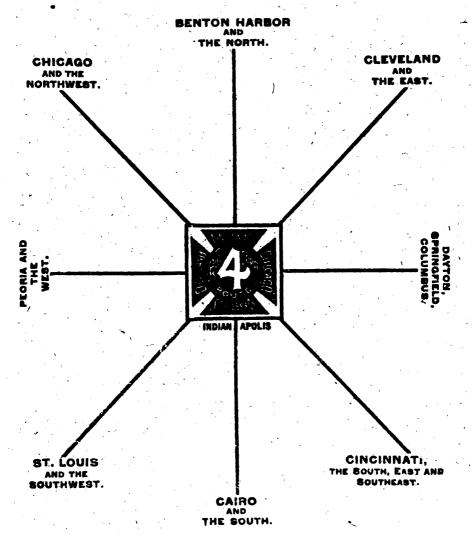


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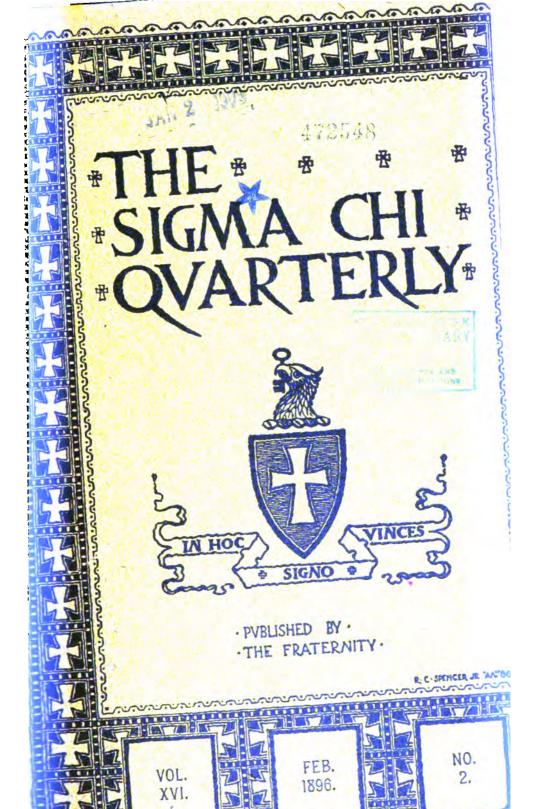
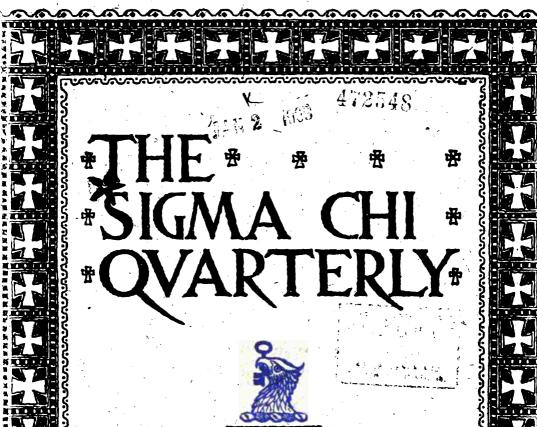


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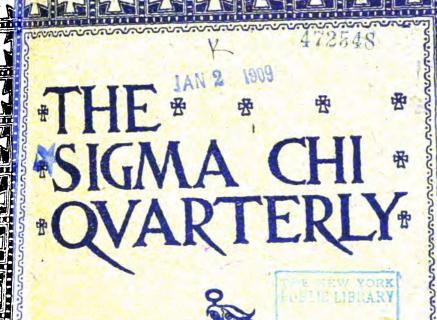


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